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Briefly

Tootsie Roll drive this weekend

For the 25th consecutive year, the state and local councils of the Knights of Columbus in Illinois will conduct an annual Tootsie Roll campaign to raise funds for the more than 330,000 mentally handicapped children and adults in Illinois. Locally, the drive will be held this Friday and Saturday. The Illinois Association for Retarded Citizens and its 100-member units are assisting in the coordination of this program by providing "Community Awareness Services" and manpower. Every penny, dime and dollar is needed and will be greatly appreciated in the communities of Granite City, Madison, Pontoon Beach and Venice, the Knights of Columbus drive will be coordinated by the Granite City Council 1098. Grand Knight John Moseley suggests anyone who wishes to learn how they can help contact Ed Heintz, chairman of the drive, at 452-5189. Last year, Council 1098 raised more than \$9,000 in this program, and the principal beneficiaries have been OATH, the Special Olympics and other organizations for the handicapped. Knights of Columbus volunteers will be easily visible because of the bright yellow vests they will be wearing and the Tootsie Roll candies they will be carrying.

Blood drive is next week

A blood drive has been scheduled from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, Nov. 15-16, on the campus of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville. The American Red Cross says a critical blood shortage exists. The two-day event, to be conducted in the SIUE Student Fitness Center, is cosponsored by Army ROTC, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., and SIUE Student Government. For more information, call the Kimmel Student Leadership Center on campus, 692-2686.

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Wayne Hubbard
Gabriel Hanna
Alene Bloodworth
Henry Schuerger
Charles Lancaster
John Robertson

75 years ago

Nov. 10, 1919

Leaders of the Mine Workers' Union have agreed to call off their strike; men will return to work immediately. The coal shortages are expected to be relieved soon.

Trivia

When did Granite City High School last win the state soccer championship?
See Page 10A

GCHS bonds get voters' OK

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

While several school referenda failed in St. Clair County Tuesday night, voters in the Granite City School District overwhelmingly approved a \$12 million bond issue to renovate the 70-year-old Granite City High School building.

"I'm pleased not only with the passage, but with the margin by which people overwhelmingly supported this," Madison

County Regional Superintendent of Schools Harry Briggs said Tuesday night.

Voters approved the referendum 9,645 to 2,861 — a margin of more than three-to-one. The bond issue won approval in 53 of the 55 precincts where it appeared on the ballot. In the other two precincts, there were no votes cast either in favor of or opposing the issue.

With the exception of the two precincts where no votes were cast on the issue, the measure passed by at least 20 per-

centage points in every precinct.

"This really makes a statement about the future of our community," said R C Bush, chairman of the Committee for the Preservation and Restoration of Granite City High School.

School Superintendent Steve Balen, who at the start of the school year sent letters to every church in the district asking for prayers for students, staff and schools, said he plans to follow up that letter with a "thank you."

"This community is truly blessed. No one can say a city is down and out when 78 percent of the public stands up in support of the future and the kids," Balen said.

Tom Holloway, director of secondary education for the school district, said Wednesday that teachers and students are "walking about (four feet) off the ground."

"There are buckets all over the build (See BONDS, Page 9A)

Democrats here stem GOP tide

Republicans were rebuffed Tuesday in their attempts to ride the national and state victory tide and snatch the Madison County sheriff's and clerk's posts from longtime Democratic control.



Churchich



Churchich

However, Republican John Shittus prevented a sweep by Democrats, winning re-election as treasurer easily. (See details on Page 2A.) Both Churchich and Balen had run campaigns touting their respective years of experience in law enforcement, promising tough crime control while keeping within the budget.

Churchich has logged more than 35 years in law enforcement as sheriff, Hartford police chief and as a member of the Alton police force for 22 years. He said during his stint as sheriff he has increased rural patrols, modernized the department with computers and the 911 system and his deputies have cracked major murder cases.

Vahle, a 20-year veteran as a military police officer and 12-year law enforcement supervisor for the Missouri Department of Safety, had said he would increase patrols in "neglected areas and develop a citizen volunteer reserve deputy force. The Desert Storm veteran also had said he would eliminate the political climate in the sheriff's office and develop crime prevention programs. A jubilant Churchich said he won because people were satisfied. (See DEMOCRATS, Page 6A)



Congratulating State Sen. Evelyn Bowles at Rusty's Restaurant in Edwardsville Tuesday night are Teresa Brown and Mark Ford, both of the Madison County State's Attorney's office. Bowles defeated Dave Tanzys of Collinsville.

Calls for cooperation, compromise Bowles' win bittersweet

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

For the first time in 43 years, Evelyn Bowles was not working on election night. The Edwardsville Democrat and longtime county clerk was relaxed Tuesday evening, mingling with friends and supporters at Rusty's Restaurant in Edwardsville, giving and accepting hugs and celebrating victory in her bid to keep her state senate seat in the 56th legislative district.

"I think at my age and at this

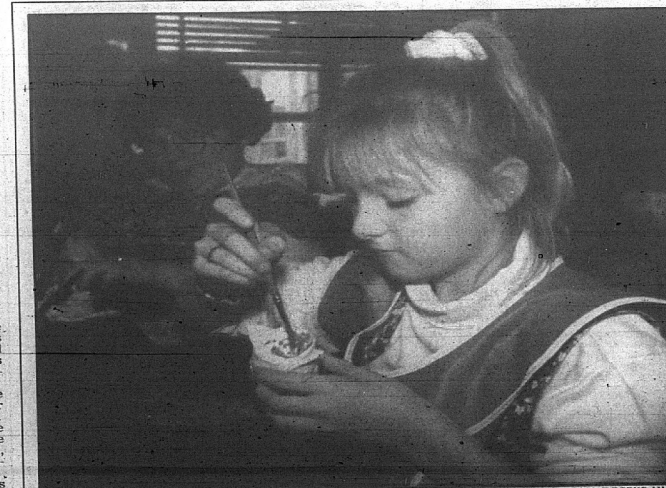
Holbrook, Davis win, 2A

stage in my career, I deserve it," Bowles said of the luxury of not counting votes on election night.

Bowles, who had an election opponent Tuesday for the first time in 20 years, defeated newcomer David Tanzys, a Collinsville Republican, by a three-to-two margin to retain the state senate seat she inherited earlier this year upon the death of Sam Vadala.

Bowles was ready to claim victory at about 10:15 p.m. But her speech was bittersweet with the knowledge that Republicans were gaining seats in the legislature. Republican Ted Prehn was running neck and neck at the time with Democrat Steve Davis for the 11th District state representative seat being vacated by retiring House Majority Leader Jim McPike. Davis eventually won by less than a percentage point.

"I want to express my gratitude to those of you who (See BOWLES, Page 10A)



After school program — Tara Banks, 9, paints the clay flower she made during the after-school program at Worthen School. See today's People Page for more photos and story on the program.

Results

These are unofficial results of the Nov. 8 election in Madison County.

For Congress-12th District
Republican Jan Morris.....3,301
Democrat J. Costello.....23,109

For Senate-56th District
Republican David Tanzys.....16,880
Democrat Evelyn Bowles.....25,259

For Representative-11th District
Republican Ted Prehn.....12,538
Democrat Steve Davis.....12,743

For Representative-13th District
Republican Diana M. Clark.....1,663
Democrat Tom Holbrook.....4,154

For County Clerk
Republican Bob Ramsey.....30,160
Democrat Debbie Saltich.....39,769

For Treasurer
Republican John Shimkus.....43,586
Democrat M. Honkhaus.....26,784

For Sheriff
Republican Jack Vahle.....25,664
Democrat Bob Churchich.....45,288

For Regional School Superintendent
Democrat Harry Briggs.....50,988

County Board Dist. 23
Republican Earl Hogan.....257
Democrat Don Garrett.....1,172

For retention as Circuit Judge
John DeLaurenti.....43,696
Yes.....43,696
No.....12,888

George Moran Jr.
Yes.....39,760
No.....17,823

P.J. O'Neill
Yes.....44,810
No.....11,693

Charles Romani Jr.
Yes.....44,080
No.....12,164

Madison County question
County executive form of government
Yes.....25,128
No.....32,247

Madison County advisory question
No early release from incarceration
Yes.....39,249
No.....23,694

School bond issue
Yes.....9,645
No.....2,861

Statewide
For Governor and Lt. Gov.
Republican Jim Edgar.....43,808
Democrat Bob Kustra.....32,380
Democrat Dawn Clark Niesch.....26,008
Democrat Penny Severns.....32,092

Attorney General
Republican Jim Ryan.....37,182
Democrat Al Hofeldt.....31,326

Secretary of State
Republican George Ryan.....39,520
Democrat Pat Quinn.....29,376
Libertarian Joseph Schreiner.....1,132

Comptroller
Republican Loleta Didrickson.....32,380
Democrat Earlean Collins.....32,092
Libertarian Michael J. Ginsberg.....2,960

Treasurer
Republican Judy Topinka.....28,887
Democrat Nancy Sheehan.....36,370
Libertarian Kati Kroenlein.....1,844

News in review

News in review provides a summary of some of the past week's stories. This column is designed for out-of-town readers who do not receive the Sunday and Wednesday Press-Record Journals.

Raceway sold to Grand Prix firm

The purchase of Gateway Motorsports Corporation in Madison by Christopher R. Pook of The Grand Prix Association of Long Beach Inc. was finalized Monday.

The sale will transfer the operating rights of Gateway International Raceway to Grand Prix's Automotive Safety and Transportation Systems Inc.

It will also apparently result in an upgrading of the track, which was built in the late 1960s and which has been operated since 1983 by the Gateway Corporation.

Madison Mayor John Bellefleur said that Pook, president and chairman of the board of The Grand Prix Association, will attend the Madison City Council meeting Nov. 22 to present details of the overall upgrading concept and proposal for the project.

Located five miles from downtown St. Louis in Madison, Gateway currently operates year-round except during winter months. The 150-acre facility consists of a regulation one-quarter-mile drag strip, a 2.2-mile road course and various operational support buildings.

Soccer season ends suddenly

"Sudden victory" for Palatine High School meant sudden death for the Granite City soccer team in Saturday night's Illinois state championship game at Fremd High School.

Granite City's quest for its 11th state championship ended in heartbreaking fashion when Palatine's John Wolowicz scored 1:28 into "sudden victory" overtime to lift the Pirates to a 2-1 win. It was the first loss at state since 1988 for the Warriors, who have won a record 10 state titles; they finished as the runner-up for the first time in the 23-year history of the state tournament series.

Park proposes tax hike

The Granite City Park District is proposing an increase of nearly 10 percent in its property tax levy for 1994.

But park district officials say that the proposed \$91,000 tax levy increase is necessary because of escalating insurance premiums and other costs that are out of their control.

"The increase in the levy is the result of increased costs that we really have no control over — things like workers compensation and unemployment insurance," said Dave Polivick, director of parks and recreation.

Aldermanic reduction reversed

While Granite City voters overwhelmingly approved a referendum earlier this year to reduce the size of the City Council by one half, a Madison County judge threw out that referendum last week.

Associate Judge David Herndon ruled Friday that a proposition on the ballot last March was vague and uncertain. The ruling had the effect of negating the aldermanic reduction referendum.

School board fills vacancy

The Madison School District No. 12 Board of Education appointed John Greco to the board at a meeting last week.

Greco fills the vacancy created by the resignation of Sue Skokko.

Sanders sentenced for murders

Keith Sanders, 18, of Brooklyn, was sentenced last week to spend the rest of his life in prison for the murders of two men in Brooklyn earlier this year.

Sanders was convicted in September of two counts of first degree murder in the deaths of cousins Darnell Love and Jeryl Jones at the Thomas-Tier Apartments.

Democrats win state rep races

Holbrook eases past Diana Clark

By Bonita Tillman
Staff writer

St. Clair County Board member Tom Holbrook prevailed over Republican Diana Clark Tuesday to become state representative in the 113th Legislative District.

Holbrook garnered 14,449 votes to Clark's 11,003 in unofficial returns released by the County Clerk's Office Wednesday.

He will succeed longtime State Representative Monroe Flinn of Cahokia, whose residence was excluded when Republicans redrew boundary lines for districts after the 1990 U.S. Census.

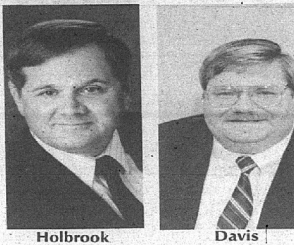
Neither Holbrook nor Clark could be reached for comment Wednesday.

Holbrook, 44, ran on his record as a 13-year veteran of the County Board to nab the seat, including his "Get tough on crime" format. As a member of the county's ad hoc committee on crime, he has known two expansions of the County Jail and one at the Detention Center.

He worked with neighborhood watch programs and favors increased penalties for violent criminals, especially teenagers who commit violent crimes.

"My biggest priority will be fighting crime," he said before the election. "Tougher juvenile sentences would deter teens who do dirty work for gangs knowing they can be released only hours after arrest."

But Holbrook conceded that emphasis on education is important to give youths an opportunity to stay away from crime.



Holbrook

Education should be a greater priority in Illinois and the amount of state funding for education should be increased, he added.

"Better education programs lead to better jobs and, in turn, lower crime, and provide an overall better standard of living for everyone," he said.

An employee of Ethyl Corp. in Sauget, Holbrook has a bachelor's degree in social science and government from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

Clark of Belleville took on the state representative race after three other Republicans backed out for various reasons. But she said she felt voters had had enough of the "political machine" and wanted an alternative.

A Belleville Township trustee since 1993 and longtime Republican activist, Clark advocated less taxation and smaller, more efficient government. She called herself a viable alternative to Holbrook.

217-vote victory for Steve Davis

A statewide rush for Republicans was unable to make a winner out of upstart Bethalto businessman Ted Prehn in his state House bid against Democrat Steve Davis.

According to unofficial Madison County totals, Davis garnered 12,743 votes, barely edging out Prehn, who received 12,526 votes.

Davis, 45, the veteran Wood River Township highway commissioner, was backed by retiring House Majority Leader Jim McPike to replace him in the 111th House District. Davis started the evening with a slim lead in what was expected to be a long night against Prehn.

With 55 of 100 precincts reporting, Davis had 5,994 votes to Prehn's 5,672, but the lead went back and forth several times as the totals were posted.

Prehn, 32, a Bethalto businessman, debated Davis twice before partisan crowds in Granite City and Bethalto and went door-to-door in an effort to break into the normally Democratic stronghold in Madison County.

Davis campaigned on truth-in-sentencing laws, tougher penalties for criminals using guns, welfare and government reform and equalized school funding.

Prehn said his business background would help bring jobs to the district. Both men said the state needs to spend more money fighting crime and expanding prisons.

— From the Alton Telegraph

Shimkus wins easily in re-election bid

Madison County Treasurer John Shimkus swept to an easy re-election victory Tuesday, becoming the first Republican to succeed himself in a countywide office in more than 40 years.

Shimkus handily vanquished Democratic challenger Mick Henkhaus in a vote of 43,586 to 20,787.

Henkhaus, who was treasurer for 12 years before Shimkus defeated him in the 1990 election, could not be reached for comment late Tuesday.

Shimkus, who also could not be reached for comment, is the only Republican countywide officeholder in Madison County.

The pair faced off in a tooth-and-nail battle this fall that included charges that each had made poor hiring and investment decisions in office.

At one point, Shimkus and his GOP allies circulated reports that Henkhaus had failed to graduate from high school; the reports later proved to be false.

About the same time, Henkhaus blasted Shimkus for hiring the former president of a failed East Alton savings and loan as his chief deputy.

Shimkus appeared to garner his strongest support in the southern and eastern parts of the county, where most Republican voters live. In addition, Godfrey Republicans came out heavily for Shimkus.

Henkhaus' strongest showing was in the River Bend, where he maintained ties to Democratic Party regulars in Alton, Bethalto, Wood River and East Alton during his hiatus from office.

Shimkus is the first Republican to succeed himself in countywide office in more than 40 years, said Madison County Board member Jack Frandsen, D-Alhambra.

Frandsen said the last was Joseph "Butch" Healey of Livingston, who was probate clerk from 1938 to 1950.

The last countywide Republican officeholder, State's Attorney Don Weber, failed to win re-election to a second term in 1984.

From the Alton Telegraph



Staff photo by SCOTT WUERZ

Waiting it out — Victorious Madison County Sheriff Bob Church waits with supporters for election returns Tuesday at the Madison County Administration Building.

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Union organizing at GC Steel

Company says information in fliers is misleading

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

The country's largest representative of steel workers has begun a drive to organize employees at National Steel Corp. who are not currently union members.

But National Steel officials say the United Steel Workers of America has misrepresented some information in fliers disseminated by the union and that any organization of non-represented workers will not affect a major reorganization of its workforce currently underway.

"Whether or not you or other employees sign cards will not delay or change the assessment and review which is under way," National Steel President and Chief Operating Officer V. John Goodwin wrote in a letter distributed Friday at the company's Great Lakes Division.

"The assessment and review process will continue as previously announced," the Nov. 4 letter states.

On Oct. 25, National Steel — the parent company of Granite City Steel — distributed a letter to all its non-represented employees informing the workers that the company is assessing the efficiency of its non-union workforce and modifying its relationship with those employees.

According to the letter, signed by Goodwin,

the company's Employment Security Policy applicable to non-union employees has expired and those workers are now considered "at-will" — which means the company may terminate the employment relationship at any time and for any reason. The letter also states that the company is putting together a severance package that will not include a pension window or any other form of enhanced early retirement benefit as it has in the past.

Last week, apparently in response to the Oct. 25 letter, USWA began an organizational drive by posting informational fliers and distributing authorization cards at National Steel's Great Lakes Division, at corporate headquarters in Mishawaka, Indiana and — this week — at some selected departments at the Granite City Division.

"We have just now begun to see cards," said one Granite City Steel employee.

"Not everyone has seen them — not everyone has them yet. The union is apparently going department by department," the worker said.

The flier encourages non-represented, non-supervisory employees to sign authorization cards in order to get the benefits of union representation.

"Until recently, National Steel's salaried non-union employees had inferior health and insurance benefits, but they did have

'job security.' Now even that will be gone in just a few weeks," the flier states.

National Steel has more than 2,000 salaried employees. Its more than 7,000 hourly workers have a labor contract that prohibits layoffs.

In bold print, the flier urges non-represented, non-supervisory employees to "act now if you want USWA representation."

If a simple majority of a particular unit of workers returns signed USWA authorization cards, the company is obligated to recognize USWA as the exclusive representative of that unit, under the terms of National Steel's contract with USWA. Thus signing and returning a card is considered a vote for representation.

But Goodwin's internal correspondence of Nov. 4 claims that the contract does not require the company to immediately recognize the USWA when National is in the midst of a major reorganization of its workforce.

The provisions for obtaining recognition under the labor agreement would not grant recognition (to the union) until after the (company) reorganization is complete," the most recent Goodwin letter states.

National Steel announced the efficiency study in response to the fact that the company has not reported a profitable year since 1990 and has reported net losses totaling \$496.8 million in the last three years.

Pontoon Beach considers TIF District

By Hiley Schulte
Staff writer

The prospect of new land development in Pontoon Beach will be studied.

The Pontoon Beach Board of Trustees unanimously passed a resolution Tuesday to study the possibility of a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District for a car dealership in Pontoon Beach.

Chuck Andrews has been working on the development since early May. The project involves 20 acres of land on the southwest corner of Highway 111 and Interstate 270, currently owned by Emmer Wyss.

Andrews said Chrysler Corporation has requested permission

to relocate Granite City's Don Johnson Chrysler-Dodge to the property, and developers hope to get the land declared a TIF district.

Taxes on land designated a TIF district are frozen for up to 21 years, and the money from those taxes goes to pay back the bonds on the land.

The resolution said Pontoon Beach is interested in the development and in investigating the feasibility of establishing a TIF district. Pontoon Beach will initiate steps to see if TIF is feasible and whether the land qualifies.

"This is an intent resolution rather than an inducement resolution. An inducement resolution would start time tables," said

Village Attorney Keith Jensen.

In other business, the board passed the property tax levy for the village for fiscal year May 1, 1994, through April 30, 1995, with nothing levied to the general fund.

In fact, the only levy came from Social Security Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF). A total of \$31,289.63 was levied against those funds.

Dick Douglas, who is co-owner of the future Ramada Inn in Pontoon Beach, and Bill Baudendistel of Juneau and Associates

attended the meeting to present the plan for the motel.

The building will sit just off Highway 111 on Lot No. 3 of Chouteau Trace on 4.92 acres with 85 automobile parking spaces and 13 parking spaces for trucks.

Baudendistel said the Illinois Department of Transportation is yet to give its permission for the entrance from Highway 111, but he thinks that is just a matter of "seeing the plans and giving blessings."

(See PONTON, Page 10A)

Dance to help with medical costs

Friends of Odie Busby are sponsoring a dance to raise funds to help with his medical expenses.

Busby, of Mitchell, recently had a heart aneurysm requiring complex surgery to correct.

The dance will be at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 4225 Old Alton Road.

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Opinion

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Clarkin



More years ago than I want to recall, I was picked up in a bookmobile on Oakland Avenue in Decatur. By a woman, a number of years older than I, who whisked me to a small son off to her home.

A rambling old frame house across from Millikin's Old Main Hall — to have coffee with her very elderly (and very garrulous) mother and adolescent son. It was, possibly, one of the weirdest kaffeeklatches of my life. I learned (in no particular order) that her son was on the sick list with a plantar wart (I'd never heard of them), that the antique Rolls-Royce, sitting on blocks in the back yard, was for sale because no one in the area knew how to get it in running condition. That she was Episcopalian ("...not high church") and her husband was Christian Scientist ("...my dear, Dor's grandfather was St. Paul was to Jesus!"). And that during the Depression years, while she and her husband were living in Chicago, she had been a sales clerk in the glove department of Marshall Field's ("...and before I'd do that again, I'd become a street walker").

She invited me to check out the library (a sure lure, in my case) and take anything home to read that struck my fancy. I'm doing so. I discovered a copy of the then-recently published Kinsey Report. "Oh, kin, said I, and she responded, "Take it home if you're interested, but be careful with it." She said, "I actually have a copy," said I, and she responded, "Oh, gosh, do you actually know Dr. Kinsey?" I asked, "Know him? My dear, Dor and I were case histories for him!"

Since she didn't offer to point out chapter and verse, I declined the loan and I suppose now it's just as well I did, since according to the recently released study by University of Chicago researchers, Kinsey was "way off base."

According to the new study, "Sex in America" which was based on samplings of 3,432 of us between the ages of 18 and 59, we've been badly misled by earlier studies and movies, definitely by Hollywood, television, and Madison Avenue. Our sex lives bear little resemblance to what we've been led to believe is the norm, as portrayed in the movies, soundbites, and letters to the editors of

Think of how heartening it will be to all those folks who feel they've been left out of the loop to discover they've been hoodwinked all these past decades.

Playboy (and Playgirl). They're actually pretty run-of-the-mill, if not downright dull. And you can't imagine how relieved I was to read that!

For the most part, sex occurs within the bonds of matrimony and is monogamous: 75 percent of married men and 85 percent of wedded women do not stray. And 89 percent of them are happy with that set-up. The guys have had a median number of six partners in a lifetime, while women two. Men think about it more often than do women, maybe once or twice a day, as compared to once or twice a week. Actual engagement in activity is about once or twice a week, or between 15 minutes to an hour.

All of which sounds fairly realistic to me, but would certainly be hard for a Hollywood writer to incorporate into a script that would have them lined up at the box office. Not steamy enough, by a long shot. Actors who portray these frankly sex-addicted roles must be getting quite a hoot out of the study.

Some time ago, the fine actress Glenda Jackson, in describing the nuts and bolts of her trade, said that the important thing in acting is the ability to be able to laugh or cry on cue. "If I have to cry, I think of my sex life. If I have to laugh, I think of my sex life," she said.

I hope the study makes the best-seller list. Think of how heartening it will be to all those folks who feel they've been left out of the loop to discover they've been hoodwinked all these past decades. That they're not as bad as they thought. Always assuming it's done right.

We're not in as bad shape as Andy Warhol asserted when he said that sex was the biggest nothing of all time. Closer to Garrison Keilor who says he believes that, "Sex is good, but not as good as fresh, sweet corn."

I'm tempted to agree with Keilor except, (foolish me!) I've spent all these years thinking sex was the most fun anyone could have without smiling. Always assuming it's done right.

hearts. I will miss my Cohen family and friends, but I will take part of you with me. The kind words which were spoken, jokes and laughter that we shared, the friendly "chit-chat" and the hugs and cheek kisses. I even recall a compliment or two. To quote Bob Hope, "Thanks for the memories."

LINDA "RED" EARHART
Former Cohen's employee

Many questions in building fight

TO THE EDITOR: I read the articles in the Oct. 13 and Oct. 20 Press-Record about construction plans and disputes...with Trustee Mike Mackin on apartments.

I would like to know who the village's building inspector really is to review the information; all the calls on zoning and building codes when it concerns some type of construction company.

This is the second issue that has been in the papers about Mackin and a construction company. The first time, the village was told to hold a special meeting to review the information; if not, there would be a lawsuit. The special meeting was held, from what I understand, the board members get paid extra for all the special meetings.

My questions are: Is there a conflict of interest with Mackin being the owner of M.L. Mackin Company? Is this a construction



MGM lion is king of Vegas jungle



Bill
Winter

Movie daredevils once showed their bravery by putting their heads in a lion's mouth. Now one and all can walk through an 88-foot-tall simulated lion's mouth and enter the world's largest hotel, the MGM Grand in Las Vegas, Nev.

"The Wizard of Oz," with its yellow brick road and emerald city, is featured at the new 5,000-room hotel-casino. Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tin Man and Cowardly Lion are available, in statues and in real life, to pose with visitors for photographs.

A family theme park also is part of the billion-dollar MGM Grand. The Rolling Stones were performing at the hotel when we were there in October. We didn't pay the \$100 to \$300 concert but did tour the theme park's rides, its stage shows and its eight theme areas.

Still the fastest-growing city in the nation, Las Vegas has nearly a million residents and tops 22 million visitors a year, exceeding Orlando's 14 million. Vegas currently seems to be headed in two contrasting directions.

Led by Kirk Kerkorian, MGM Grand owner, the gambling city is seeking to become a vacation mecca for the entire family, with lots of activities for children. There are a number of family-oriented shows, including Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Starlight Express."

Led by Steve Wynn, there is

also a movement to emphasize attractions for adults, preferably avid gamblers with big bankrolls.

Wynn heads the Mirage, Treasure Island and Golden Nugget casinos and last month announced plans for the Beau Rivage on an island inside a lake planned for the former Dunes hotel site.

Also in the planning stage in Las Vegas is a casino that will be called "New York, New York."

But the Sheraton Desert Inn, which had been expected to announce an expansion rivaling the MGM Grand, instead opted in October for a somewhat smaller addition. Although the MGM Grand does spotlight the Oz movie that starred Judy Garland, it also has murals of other Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer films. How big is it? Well, its gaming area is the world's largest, the size of four football fields. And the hotel-casino's main floor involves a thickly carpeted, half-mile walk from one side to the other.

Of the world's 11 biggest

hotels, 10 are in Las Vegas. No. 2 is the 4,631-room Ambassador City in Thailand.

The Excelsior in Las Vegas is third largest, with 4,032 rooms. During our stay, the 3,330-room Flamingo Hilton topped off a new wing that will bring it to more than 4,100, besting the Excelsior.

The new MGM Grand, completed in late 1993, marks the third time Kirk Kerkorian has built the world's biggest hotel, and each time it has been in Las Vegas.

A quarter-century ago, he created the 1,569-room International Hotel, which in 1971 became the Las Vegas Hilton.

Kerkorian opened the first MGM Grand, with 2,100 rooms, in 1973 and it has been Bally's since 1985. A companion MGM Grand in Reno, Nev., also was sold to Bally's in '85.

As examples of the continuing growth of the area, Las Vegas Hilton now totals 3,174 rooms and Bally's in Las Vegas has 2,822. Billionaire Kerkorian, a World War II cargo pilot, who later started several airlines, bought the Sands and Desert Inn hotels in 1988 from Howard Hughes' Summa Corp. He then sold the Sands a year later and in 1993 sold the DI to ITT-Sheraton. Kerkorian began buying Las Vegas property in the 1940s and among other holdings, acquired the old Flamingo Hotel, one of the first luxury resorts there.

He owned the MGM film studios from 1969 to 1985.

Three other Hollywood celebrities, Arnold Schwarzenegger, Sylvester Stallone and Bruce Willis, have opened one of their Planet Hollywoods in Las Vegas and we had lunch there last month.

There are now 15 Planet Hollywood restaurants and each has hundreds of displays of movie memorabilia from the owners' films and from many others.

An example of the caliber of the exhibits at Planet Hollywood in Caesars Palace's Forum shopping center in Vegas is the one with Clark Gable's jacket and Vivian Leigh's dress from "Gone With the Wind." The 1939 motion picture for many years was the most successful of all time, later surpassed by "Jurassic Park."

You can buy inscribed Planet Hollywood souvenirs ranging from a \$15 T-shirt to a \$325 leather jacket.

The specialty drinks are titled Planet of the Apes, Eye of the Tiger, Goldfinger, Dirty Harry, Blue Hawaii, Beetle Juice, Toxicity, Purple Rain, Towering Inferno, Die Harder, Victor-Victoria, the Exorcist and the Terminator. The non-alcoholic drink costing \$11, for which you can take home the glass, includes banana, apricot and pineapple juices plus, of course, OJ.

Letters

Grocery worker says farewell

TO THE EDITOR: "Where Ma Saves Pa's Dough." It was back in 1965 when I first read that phrase on a grocery sack in Lovell Pruitt's kitchen.

At age 12, I never dreamed that I would be doing a job that store with the "catchy slogan."

Fifteen years ago, I began my position of customer service at the deli counter. I have had the pleasure of serving my childhood friends' mother, Lovell Pruitt, and many other loyal customers.

Cohen's Foods, after 65 years in business, will be closing its retail operation. It was a small, neighborhood store where everyone was your friend. Louis Cohen was always there for "his people" when they needed assistance. That tradition has continued throughout the years. Whether the need was advice, consolation or maybe an extension of credit until payday, the Cohens have been there to help. The need for my services has come to an end. I would like, at this time, to thank the Cohen family for the opportunity to be their friend and to serve them for the past 15 years. I want to say goodbye to them, Lovell and all the other faithful customers who have become friends. There are too many to name, but you know who you are. Your words of kindness for Renee Hunt, Joyce Fricke, Nadine Frith, Virgil Kirksey, Joe Louis, Sara Katz and of course, Louis Cohen, will remain forever in our

company? How much work does he do in the village? Is his work done by code?

I think he should not be able to vote on competitive businesses in the village and that Madison County or another county should inspect his work in the village.

LINDA MCFARLAND
Pontoon Beach

Sign ordinance too restrictive

TO THE EDITOR: Signs are an extremely important part of any community. They provide information, identification and direction. They are the main link between consumer and seller. While I would be the first to admit Granite City needs a good sign ordinance, I must say the recently adopted ordinance is overly restrictive, demanding and burdensome. It should be repealed.

Of particular concern to me is Section 6-3 h. "A copy of stress sheets and calculations for signs under 32 square feet is required." In addition, signs over 32 square feet require a professional engineer's seal. This costly procedure (\$350-\$700) added to the cost of each sign is unnecessary. It should apply only to signs over 32 square feet, with combustible supports or all signs over 150 square feet.

The ordinance does not authorize an owner to repair a non-conforming sign. Section 6-9. A nonconforming sign shall not be structurally altered so as to prolong its life. In other words,

if its support is deteriorating, the owner cannot repair it. This does not accomplish anything, let alone the aesthetic value that is lost.

The ordinance imposes, a huge burden on religious and charitable institutions. In Sec. 2-9, under "exempted graphics," it purports to exempt charitable and religious organizations. But it also restricts the size of their sign to 16 square feet. So any church with a sign larger than four feet by four feet will have a nonconforming sign that must be removed.

Restaurants, service stations, stores, virtually all businesses, would be required to take out a permit for even a window sign. Further, any sign painted on the window or hanging inside would not be allowed if your advertising signs take up your maximum allowable square footage.

The most serious of all sections, however, is Section 6-14: "Penalties for Violation." It states, "Any person who violates the provisions of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be fined not less than \$50 nor more than \$500 for each offense. Each day that such violation continues shall be deemed a separate and distinct offense."

"The owner or tenant of any building, structure, premises or person who commits, participates in or maintains such violation may be found guilty of a separate offense and suffer the penalties herein provided." This section alone would have a chilling effect on any archi-

tect, contractor or developer. This could devastate potential new development.

Let's repeal this unfriendly sign ordinance and design one best suited for this community. We need to protect the investment of our businesses as well as potential new commerce.

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Youths take over church service



Lucille Martin

Lucille Martin covers the Pontoon Beach scene for the Press-Record Journal. She can be contacted at 931-0731.

Ashley Anderson, 8, and her sister, Whitney Anderson, 6, celebrated their birthdays recently at a swimming party given by their grandmother, Kay Anderson, at the YMCA. Friends and relatives attending were:

Danielle Fuhrman; Rebecca Thomas; Ashley Mitchell; Angel Horn; Jackie and Jessie Warren and their mother, Peggy; Megan McMullen; Jennifer Conway; Patti and Jessica Burgan; Marsha, Steve and Sarah Kirkpatrick; Joni and Britni Gordon; Joe, Frank and Mike Henke; Jerry, Emille and Maria Henke; the honorees' aunt, Tina Lyons; their sister, Crystal Anderson; and their grandfather, Jim Henke.

Linda Boswell and Elizabeth Moore have returned home from Woodstock, Ga., where they visited a niece and her husband, Susan and Tom Rundstedt, and attended the second annual Halloween bash held there.

The youth group, under the direction of their leaders, Dianna Bickel and Ann Rainwater, led the morning service Sunday in the Pontoon Baptist Church. The service began with a musical special followed by a welcome by Jori Keener.

Kelly Potter and Andrea Craig led the congregational singing. Jessica Miller made the announcements.

Missionary moments were given by Tarra Falter and Greg Potter, who led in prayer. A drama about the covenant God made with man was presented.

Noah was portrayed by Tony Buchek. Abraham by Greg Buchek. Jacob by Jason Carter. Esau by Vincas Vosylus and Moses by Tony Buchek. A part of the new covenant was read by Dianna Bickel.

The youth had built a golden arch of the covenant and the closing procession consisted of the boys carrying the poles holding it and marching through the church with the girls marching and playing tambourines and singing "The Horse and Riders" while being thrown into the sea.

The children's group and the preschool children presented a program featuring singing of a variety of songs which were directed by their leaders, Lyn Hart and Laura Lee Falter, along with their assistants, Steve Balen, special guest speaker of the morning, gave his own personal testimony and message.

The October meeting of the Golden Agers was held at the Salvation Army Hall on Oct. 17. Dorothy Castleman opened the meeting with a prayer.

Bud Scaturro led the singing of "Old Time Religion," "Amazing Grace," "If You Are Happy Show It," "Jesus Loves Me," "Jesus Loves the Little Children" and "Thank You, Lord." Harriett Bull read a poem called "If Jesus Comes."

Eva Burrows and Bill Holloway sang "What a Day." Burrows then sang "Thank You, Lord." Castleman gave a list of people to pray for and then announced the Nov. 17 meeting meal would be a complete Thanksgiving meal and would be furnished by the Salvation Army.

Reservations must be made by calling 451-7957.

Transportation will be available.

There were no birthdays or anniversaries reported in October.

Charles Calloway sang two songs. Castleman blessed the food. Dinner was served to 25 members.

Henrietta Sanders, guest, who is a friend of Castleman's from Impact, gave a speech. Castleman recited verses from "A to Z" and told where the verses could be found in the Bible.

Latchkey program called win-win-win

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

A new before- and after-school child care program at two Granite City School District elementary schools is being hailed as a win-win-win proposition for the child, the parents and the schools.

"I think it's really good for the parents and good for the kids. And it hasn't really been a problem for me," said Nancy Marti, principal at Worthen Elementary School, one of the pilot sites.

"In fact, I think it has probably helped attendance because parents can bring their children to school when it is convenient and not have to worry about sitters or where their children are," Marti said.

The Granite City School District implemented a before- and after-school latchkey program on a pilot basis at Worthen and Maryville elementary schools this year. The service is provided by an outside agency (the Tri-City Area YMCA at Maryville and Tri-City Park Tabernacle at Worthen) that provides on-site care for children before school begins and after school dismisses.

The program is designed to help students of working parents who would otherwise leave in the morning from an empty home or go in the afternoon to a home with no adult supervision.

"We're in the day and age when both parents often work. I think it's a worthwhile program and I think the 'Y' is doing a great job," said Clabbie Briggs, principal at Maryville.

Each program begins at 6 a.m. and provides adult supervision until 7:30 a.m. before school. Afternoon sessions

run from dismissal until 6 p.m. One of the main advantages of the program is that it is conducted at the schools — parents don't have to worry about supervision or transportation for their children while they work.

But the program provides children with much more than adult supervision. "They have lots of activities in the gym and there is study time set aside too. There are arts and crafts, games, sports — just a variety of activities that are age-appropriate," Briggs said.

She said Jamie Bucatch, the supervisor of the program at Maryville, is a big plus. "Jamie has a teaching degree and has substituted for us. Having been a teacher, she is a real asset. She works well with the kids and they like her," Briggs said.

Marti also praised Kim Rozycki, the leader at Worthen. "She provides tons of activities for the kids. They don't do the same thing twice... The parents have really appreciated it," Marti said.

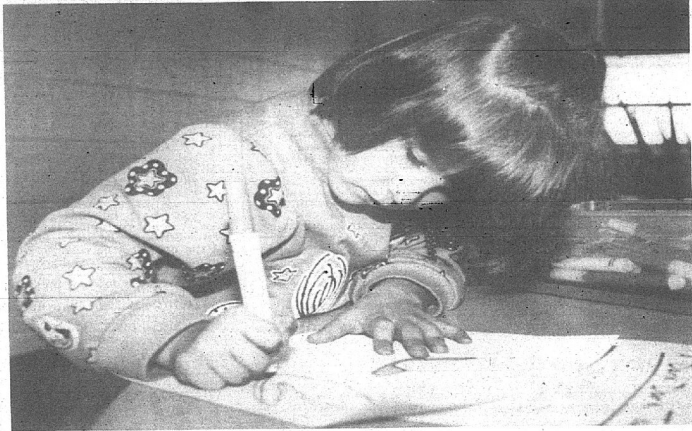
Briggs said she was apprehensive when the program was implemented at the beginning of the year.

"I could see where it could have been a real problem where I might have to step in with some discipline problems or something like that. But we haven't had a single problem," Briggs said.

She said that — to her surprise — older children participating in the program seem to enjoy it as much as the younger ones.

"The older kids don't really feel like it's day care. They enjoy it," Briggs said.

The cost for the program is \$3 per child in the morning and \$5 per child in the afternoon.



Kindergarten student Jessica Wilkins draws after school at Worthen School.

Children are allowed to eat breakfast at school, if they choose, for an additional 50 cents. Afternoon snacks are provided.

School Board Vice President Pete Novacich said he would like to see the program expanded to include other elementary schools next year.



Six-year-old Jason Morgan looks through the lego box while building a castle.



Five-year-old Carrie Bisto jumps rope in the gym during Worthen School's after school program.

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Precinct	Yes	No
1.....	76	20
2.....	302	70
3.....	81	31
4.....	22	24
5.....	70	37
6.....	102	21
7.....	178	48
8.....	141	41
9.....	52	34
10.....	119	49
11.....	183	43
12.....	136	42
13.....	109	44
14.....	254	68
15.....	161	42
16.....	75	33
17.....	234	67
18.....	203	41
19.....	211	77
20.....	177	53
21.....	247	66
22.....	265	81
23.....	238	58
24.....	257	73
25.....	44	12
26.....	281	70
27.....	178	42
28.....	326	83
29.....	79	33
30.....	191	62
31.....	366	83
32.....	457	90
33.....	177	34
34.....	226	61
35.....	370	84
36.....	121	52

Chouteau Township

Precinct	Yes	No
1.....	163	47
4.....	222	88
5.....	192	76
6.....	178	109

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Precinct	Yes	No
4.....	0	0
8.....	26	11
9.....	26	14
10.....	37	22

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Precinct	Yes	No
1.....	192	66
2.....	0	0
3.....	131	39
5.....	240	60
6.....	168	42
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8.....	128	53
9.....	232	87
10.....	86	31
11.....	356	118
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ing (catching rainwater that pours through the ceiling) today. But today, everyone is looking at them with a smile on their face," Holloway said.

Campaign organizers had been apprehensive as the election approached and no organized opposition to the referendum publicly came forth.

"We would feel more comfortable if we knew what we are up against," school board President Walt Whitaker said last week.

Apparently that opposition never materialized. Balen said support for the project came from a broad cross section of the community — from senior citizens as well as kids.

The district is currently taxing property owners about 34 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation to make debt service payments on its 1984 working cash bonds. The final payment on that issue will be made in December.

The vote Tuesday authorized the district to continue the tax at the same rate for the next 20 years. District officials believe they can repay debt on a \$12 million bond issue over 20 years by continuing the tax at the same rate.

Among the problems at the high school building are deteriorating roofs, leaking ceilings, lockers that are so badly damaged they will no longer open and close, restrooms that are not handicapped accessible, original wiring installed between 1920 and 1927, dangerous sidewalks, obsolete climate controls systems and rotting window frames. The school district has hired Huff Architectural Group to

design the renovation and preservation of the building, pending approval of the bond issue. The plans prepared by Huff call for construction to begin in April 1995 and be completed in January 1997. The project would be completed in phases, allowing students to attend classes while the work is performed.

The Huff design includes \$1,159,000 in new building additions; \$1,010,000 for building remodeling; \$1,030,000 for a completely new electrical system; \$1,729,000 for a new heating, ventilating and air conditioning system; \$850,000 to replace plumbing; \$485,000 for new roofs; \$872,000 to replace all windows; \$800,000 for new floor coverings; \$360,000 to replace doors; \$180,000 to repair and paint walls; \$420,000 for new drop ceilings; \$420,000 for new light fixtures; \$250,000 for lockers; \$95,000 for masonry cleaning and tuckpointing; \$145,000 for insulation; \$35,000 for chalkboards and tackboards; and \$210,000 for new stage lights, a sound system, curtains and rigging in the auditorium.

Under the Huff design, a portico would be added to the facade of the rear of the building, in effect making the back of the existing building the new functional "front" while keeping the ceremonial front intact.

A student activity plaza would be constructed outdoors on the south (front) side of the building, blending with and complementing the existing architecture. The area would be available for student socialization and other informal activities.

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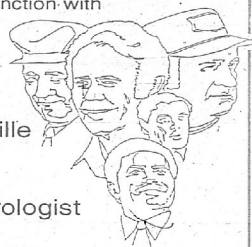
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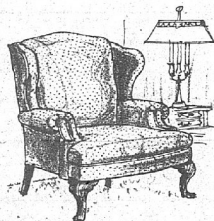
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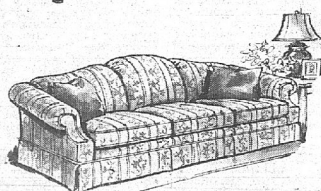
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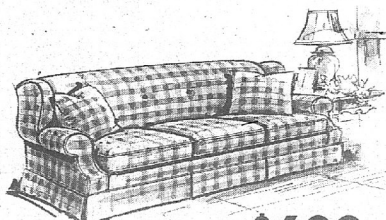
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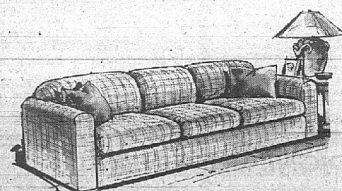
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U.S. Rep. Richard Durbin of Springfield was born and raised in East St. Louis, a hometown that's long had a reputation of being crime-ridden.

But that reputation is slowly beginning to change, Durbin said, and much of the credit goes to MetroLink.

"Over the last 30 years, we've spent millions and millions of dollars — a fortune on different projects to try to revitalize East St. Louis, without much success. The change caused by light rail is nothing short of amazing. In one year, we've had to triple the size of the station parking lot" on Missouri Avenue.

While the light-rail system has not yet generated new business in the depressed city, it is bringing in people.

"And with the people will come economic viability. Light rail can really be an engine for change and economic development," Durbin said.

That reality will be visible before the end of the year in the St. Louis County community of Wellston, where redevelopment will begin on the long dormant Wagner Electric Co. plant.

The county has owned the complex since 1981 but did nothing with the dilapidated 24-acre site until MetroLink construction began. The light-rail system runs by the site, with a station less than a block away.

"One day a few years ago, a boy was shot on the site on his way home from school," said Claude Loushonne, director of real estate for the St. Louis Economic Council, which manages the property. "Our executive director, Dennis Coleman, said, 'We have this property and MetroLink is coming, why not try to do something with it?'"

In August, the council secured a \$4.5 million grant from the U.S. Department of Commerce that will be used to build an industrial manufacturing training center. The county is kicking in \$1.5 million for the project, which will rehab a six-story, 137,000-square-foot building. Ground breaking should take place by December, Loushonne said.

The light-rail system definitely played a role in us being able to convince the Department of Commerce to award us the grant," he said. "The thing about MetroLink is, we feel if we're going to make these services available to people throughout the metropolitan area, getting there is an important link."

River Bend Growth Association President Jim Bowman said the group's transportation committee is exploring avenues to bring light rail to the area.

"Light rail absolutely would spur economic development," Bowman said. "Like most other modes of transportation, it would bring people closer to the goods and services that are produced and sold by the entrepreneurs in this community."

There would be a lot of opportunities along the line and near stopping points for small businesses to prosper, especially as we move as a society to convenience and getting to and from places as quick as possible," he said.

Business is booming for many retailers along the 18-mile MetroLink route, which runs from Lambert St. Louis International Airport to East St. Louis.

"There's no doubt it's been a boost, particularly for lunchtime business," Union Station spokeswoman Donna Landlaw said. "Noontime business has boomed at the restaurants especially. All of our retailers have seen increased business this year, and it's widely known that MetroLink has had a lot to do with that."

"We also have a lot of employees who ride it and enjoy it, so it helps us in that respect, too."

The number of shoppers at St. Louis Centre jumped dramatically in summer and fall 1993 after the line opened, including 25 percent hike in both August and September over the same months the previous year, despite the Great Flood of '93.

The numbers receded about five percent this August and September, but that's still a great increase from before the MetroLink station at the north end of the mall existed, St. Louis Centre marketing director Gail Kellermann said.

"It's been outstanding. It's definitely increased the sales for our tenants."

Bowman said a light-rail line in Madison County could bring an employment boom.

"Light rail in the River Bend would have an immediate impact of temporary new jobs for construction of the infrastructure," he said.

— From the Alton Telegraph

Red Cross honors volunteer of year

By Mark Hodapp
Staff writer

Mimi Kuhn is a humble person.

"In fact, if it were up to her, you'd probably never know she received this award," said Nancy Bates, director of the St. Louis Bi-State Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Recently, the Illinois Red Cross named Kuhn as its volunteer of the year.

Bates said Kuhn is very deserving of the award.

"I just can't say enough good things about her," she said.

"She is just so dedicated and is so willing to give up so much of her time. She is a perfect example of our agency, which relies so heavily on volunteers."

Kuhn, who lives in Lebanon with her husband, Harold, joined the Red Cross as a volunteer five years ago. It was a friend, she said, who talked her into joining.

"I sort of fell into it," said Kuhn, reflecting on this experience.

Ironically, one of Kuhn's many tasks with the Red Cross is recruiting new members.

Kuhn admits she has difficulty staying away from the non-paying job at any great length.

"If I had to give up my involvement with the Red Cross, I'd certainly miss it," she said.

Kuhn is a member of the Board of Directors of the St. Louis Bi-State Chapter of the American Red Cross. She also oversees the volunteers for the chapter's Illinois district which covers St. Clair and Monroe

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Red Cross official

Counties and Collinsville Township.

But if those activities weren't enough to keep Kuhn busy, she served as a local disaster volunteer coordinator during the Great Flood of 1993.

Kuhn said she enjoys volunteering for the Red Cross.

"The Red Cross is just a fabulous organization," she said.

Each day there is always something new and different occurring.

When Kuhn is not working with the Red Cross, she is devoting her time to other civic organizations.

She is a past president of the Looking Glass Playhouse Theatre and an active member in the Lebanon Chamber of Commerce.

Kuhn said the Red Cross will hold a special place in her heart. She looks forward to staying active in this organization for years to come.

Light rail future linked to taxes

But Costello, Durbin are in position to help area

This is the last of a five-part series:

The bottom line on bringing a MetroLink line to Madison County can be summed up in two words: tax increase.

The days of the federal government totally funding construction of rail projects in the St. Louis region are over. Except for some infrastructure donations, the feds completely funded the \$881 million MetroLink.

That was a one-shot deal, said Les Sterman, executive director of the East-West Gateway Coordinating Council, the region's planning body.

"The most money MetroLink got in a single year was \$66 million. Total cost was about \$881 million. Each new line will cost about \$300 million, and it would be silly to think we'll get 25 percent of that (from the federal government)."

The fast track for areas to get a light-rail spur is to pass a tax to help build and run the line.

St. Clair County voters passed a half-cent sales tax hike to help pay for MetroLink's spur to Belleville, construction of which is to begin in 1996. St. Charles County recently passed a quarter-cent sales tax hike, as did St. Louis and St. Louis County.

Those areas are on Gateway's short list for rail expansion by 2015. Madison County is not.

"Without a tax, there is no debate," Madison County Transit District Director Jerry Kane said. "Light rail will not come without the tax."

As the Clinton administration tries to cut the deficit, competition among congressmen to bring home the federal bacon gets tougher.

Madison County light-rail backers may be able to tap into the influential positions of U.S. Reps. Jerry Costello of Belleville and Richard Durbin of Springfield, but both are up for re-election this year and face re-election every two years.

The congressmen give the county a direct line to federal transportation money by serving on key committees, Costello on the House Public Works and Transportation Committee and Durbin on the House's

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Costello and Durbin flexed their federal muscle when MetroLink was being planned in the mid 1980s by helping secure the \$351 million for the project.

"It's a natural — the two of us in our positions — to deliver economic development projects to the region," Costello said. "I hope someday we can bring light rail to Madison County."

Durbin said Madison County officials should follow the track St. Clair County has taken.

"St. Clair County works because they stepped up to the plate and passed a tax. The communities in Madison County — county officials and others — have to come together and decide what they want to go to the voters with."

They need a local dedicated tax," he said. Durbin applauded Madison County leaders for recognizing the importance of light rail, although the collective nod may have come a decade late.

"The East Side doesn't get integrated into regional projects like this too often," he said.

"To have this kind of connection is golden."

Alton and Edwardsville are building and growing because, I think, people in the St. Louis area think they are good places to live. The key to continuous expansion is good transportation."

Sterman said Durbin may be right. Like the Clark Bridge, light rail could lead to growth in Madison County.

"The mystery to us is that development keeps pushing west from the center of the region and we can't figure out why there isn't more growth in Illinois," Sterman said.

"It's the biggest untapped area of economic development. You've got space, infrastructure and very little congestion."

"What's going to push that development should be the focus," he said. "If it's light rail or some other form of communication, we should look at it."

Durbin said he is "fired up" about bringing light rail to Madison County.

"Light rail can really be an engine for change and economic development. When you talk about economic development and improving quality of life, this project can be a key."

Sterman made clear the first step to bringing the missing MetroLink to Madison County.

"The ballot box is probably the fairest barometer," he said.

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Adolescent advocate SEMC official addresses AIDS threat

Harriet Grazman, director of School Consultation Services at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City, works for adolescent rights long after the typical hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Besides her work with the SEMC Behavioral Health System and the Teen and Parent Survival Skills workshop, she also is active with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) education and works to increase public awareness of the mental health needs of adolescents. In addition, she is the chairperson of the American Orthopsychiatric Association (ORTHO) Study Group on Adolescents.

Last year, her workshop on adolescents and HIV, "Risky Business: Adolescents and HIV," was presented at ORTHO's annual national conference. She recently sent a proposal to make another presentation at the annual conference in 1995.

"The 1995 proposal is similar to the workshop given at the last annual meeting, only I have updated research and one new speaker," Grazman said. "Last year's was well received, and so I think the potential is there to really do well again this time."

Presenters and topics for the workshop include: Melissa Hensley, St. Louis Effort for AIDS and child advocacy specialist for Citizens for Missouri Children, will present basic essentials about teens and HIV. She will offer activities and materials to assist clinicians in dealing with high-risk behaviors, transmission, and prevention.

Kelly Franklin-Patch will present a comprehensive model for work with HIV positive adolescents and special issues confronting teens who request testing and evaluation during counseling.

Arlene Rubin Stiffman, from Washington University, will present updated research on the long-term impact of personal

AIDS hitting teens hard

Currently 1.15 million people in the United States are HIV positive. Of this number, 300,000 are adolescents.

The number of teens infected with HIV doubles every 14 months (the most rapidly growing rate of infection).

Since 1990, there has been a 77 percent increase in the number of 13- to 14-year-olds diagnosed with AIDS.

and environmental factors on the effectiveness of AIDS prevention and research findings which impact policy-making and program planning; and

John Youkum, from the University of Minnesota, will present descriptive data about family and their high-risk transmission.

Grazman will moderate the discussions.

For this year's conference, Grazman asked fellow EHS associates Roy Marks and Margie Wagner-Parley to submit a proposal for a workshop on teen dating violence.

"The goal behind my work is to educate teenagers about HIV," she said. "With no cure in sight, the only prevention in health care is education. By the year 2000, the Centers for Disease Control report 80,000 children will be orphaned as a result of AIDS. It is our responsibility to educate. It is the most important topic there is."

"Many adolescents have the belief they are immortal."

"I think they have a right to believe in their own immortality. They are young, but they have the right to live. They need to

understand that HIV and AIDS will impact their lives unlike any other 'mistake' they may make while they are young," Grazman said.

"Being young is a learning experience, and young people make mistakes. Most can be corrected. With AIDS, this is one mistake that cannot. The risk of HIV is a life-and-death issue. It is too high a price to pay."

Grazman's belief in the education of adolescents sent her quest directly to the White House.

"I sent a letter to Tipper Gore when health care reform became an issue. I did not want adolescents to be forgotten in reform. The letter included the need for additional mental health programs, HIV education and the need to address the mental health issues of adolescents grieving the untimely death of their peers who die from AIDS-related illnesses."

Gore personally responded to the letter. She thanked Grazman for writing and providing information about adolescent mental health care issues. She reinforced the need for health care reform in America, stating, "With health care costs rising faster than what Americans make each year, something must change. Without the initiative of people like you, I fear we will accept the status quo instead of accepting the challenge."

School Consultation Services, which was recently nominated for the American Psychiatric Association's Hospital and Community Psychiatry Achievement Award, includes a lesson on HIV and teens in its Teens Survival Skills workshop. School Consultation Services provides counselors in Coolidge Junior High School, Granite City High School, and Collinsville High School.



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Harriet Grazman at her desk at St. Elizabeth Medical Center where she heads the hospital's School Consultation Services.

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Sports

Icebreaker

GCHS skaters open season Saturday

By Rob Raphael
Correspondent

Here's the three words sports fans have been dying to hear: Let's play hockey!

Although the National Hockey League is at a standstill, the puck has already dropped for the Granite City Warriors, who should be a much more competitive team in Tier II of the Mid-States Hockey League.

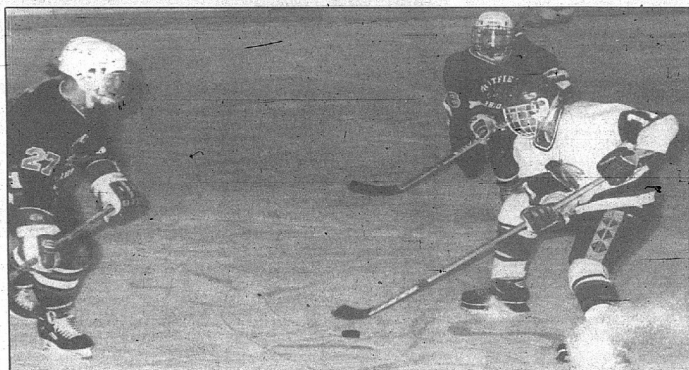
THE WARRIORS HAVE been practicing for more than two months, and have been working on the ice at Wilson Park since Oct. 10.

After going winless in 1993-94, the Warriors have dropped back down to the lower tier, formerly known as the American Conference.

Two years ago, the Warriors were champions of that conference during a year in which they wanted to move up to the former National Conference. Then after losing several of their better players last year, the Warriors were moved up a level. They weren't capable of competing there, according to first-year head coach Dave Yurkovich.

"Fortunately, the Mid-States rules have changed, so that type of thing won't happen again," said Yurkovich, who takes over for Jake Hinterser. "They've split the divisions in order to make each more competitive, and I think they've succeeded. I'm positive we will be more competitive, and I think we have a chance to duplicate what we did two years ago."

YURKOVICH, the assistant coach under Hinterser the past three seasons, has been involved in hockey for 20 years. He played his high school hockey



Jason Crites of the Warriors tries to beat two Whitfield defenders in a practice game Tuesday at the Wilson Park rink.

under Garry Henson at GCHS, played and coached in the Granite City Amateur Association and also was a member of the St. Louis Junior Blues for a season. "A great deal of credit has to go to (Hinterser and Henson) for all of the things they've taught me and helped me with," Yurkovich said. "Jake leaves a lot of tradition here, and it's a pleasure to follow in his footsteps."

I was able to coach last year against Garry, who is now at Parkway West. That was a huge

thrill, because he was my coach when I played here for three years. The Warriors will begin their regular season Saturday against John Burroughs in an 8:45 p.m. game at the Affton Ice Rink. The team has already played two practice games (see related story), and a third is scheduled for next Monday.

GRANITE CITY HAS a promising blend of experience and youth. The Warriors have six

returning seniors, including forwards Jason Crites, Steve Sindle, Chris Valencia and Matt Wilson. Senior experience at defense will come from Ryan Penrod, and the Warriors will have solid leadership in goal with John Nappier.

Five juniors will make up the squad, including defenseman Chris Angle and Travis Scroggins, and forwards Aaron Reeves, Aaron Meyers and Clint Phelps.

(See HOCKEY, Page 4B)

Warriors impress coach in first 2 practice games

By Rob Raphael
Correspondent

Dave Yurkovich is optimistic about the Granite City High hockey team this year. And nothing the Warriors have done in their first two practice games has done anything to change the coach's mind.

Granite City has easily defeated both of its opponents in exhibition play by a combined score of 12-3.

LAST WEEK, THE Warriors defeated Hazelwood East 8-2, getting a hat trick from junior Aaron Meyers and a pair of goals from senior Jason Crites. Also pitching in witty goals were Chris Valencia, Mike Guffey and Bobby Harris.

Yurkovich was excited about the way his freshman line of Harris, Bob Pritchard and Brian Loftus skated together.

"I didn't really expect them to play together quite that well," he said. "They showed a lot of confidence. It was good to see that from them. That gives us four solid lines to work with."

Chris Valencia outshot Hazelwood East, 45-18. John Nappier and Robbie Slater split time in the nets, each giving up one goal.

ON TUESDAY, THE Warriors also played at the Wilson Park Rink, defeating Whitfield (Creve Coeur) 4-1. Valencia, Guffey, Aaron Reeves and Clint Phelps scored for the Warriors.

Once again, Granite City was all over the opposing goal, out-

GRANITE CITY WARRIORS 1994 Varsity Hockey

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20 Eureka at Affton	8:30 p.m.
21 Hazelwood West	8:45 p.m.
26 McCluer at North County	9:30 p.m.
29 Hazelwood East	8:45 p.m.
December	
3 Hazelwood at N. County	9:30 p.m.
5 McCluer North	8:45 p.m.
17 Howell North at St. Peters	8:15 p.m.
19 Pattonville	8:45 p.m.
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1 Clayton	4:30 p.m.
2 Marquette	8:45 p.m.
7 Hazelwood East at N. County	9:30 p.m.
9 Hazelwood Central	8:45 p.m.
14 McCluer at North County	9:30 p.m.
16 Francis Howell	8:45 p.m.
17 Lindbergh	8:45 p.m.
23 Howell North	8:45 p.m.
24 McCluer North	8:45 p.m.
28 Pattonville at St. Peters	10 p.m.
30 Hazelwood West	8:45 p.m.
February	
6 Francis Howell	8:45 p.m.

shooting Whitfield, 50-12.

"That is definitely a good sign for us," Yurkovich said. "We applied the pressure in both of those games. Now it's a matter of keeping it up once the season starts for real."

The season starts Saturday against John Burroughs, and Granite City will play another practice game Monday against either Francis Howell or Francis Howell North.

Either way, it should be a good test for the Warriors, who will go up against league power Eureka on Nov. 20 in their second game.

"WE'VE PLAYED WELL so far, and that's what you want to see in these practice games," Yurkovich said.

"Mainly, you get a chance to see what a player will do in a game situation, as opposed to intra-squad practice. You also get a sense of a player's overall

(See GAMES, Page 4B)

Petitions start to construct a new speedway

By Steve Birmingham
Correspondent

A grassroots effort to convince O. C. Brunson Smith to build a new super speedway for Winston Cup competition in the St. Louis area kicked off Sunday.

A petition drive garnered more than 600 signatures in the first eight hours.

FORUM (FRIENDS OF Racing) United the Mid-State brainchild of High Ridge (Mo.) Fire Protection District firefighter Don Karg, held a petition drive at Sieveking Inc. in High Ridge. Despite short notice, hundreds of local racers and fans turned out to show their support for Smith's efforts to bring NASCAR Winston Cup racing to St. Louis.

"I've never driven a race car; I'm just a fan," Karg said. "The reason I put this together was I knew the St. Louis-area fans were really showing their support in letters and calls. But nobody really did anything that was visible in the eyes of St. Louis is that people could actually come out and be a part of."

Smith announced two weeks ago he was planning to build a \$75 million super speedway in either Las Vegas, Dallas or St. Louis. The Las Vegas area was dropped from consideration last week, and Smith has been in St. Louis several times in the past two weeks scouting for an area large enough to build a super speedway.

(See RACE, Page 4B)

Warriors get 4 first-teamers, seven in all on all-SWC unit

By Tony Panozzo
Staff writer

Don Harris believed the Warriors were a better football team than the record indicated. Despite an 0-9 finish for GCHS, so did the coaches who recently voted several Warriors to the all-Southwestern Conference teams. Granite City landed four first-team players despite finishing last in the rugged SWC.

SENIORS PAT CURRY and Jason Hitchcock received first-team honors along with junior Matt Kelahan and sophomore Ryan Relke. The Warriors had three other all-SWC selections: senior Mike Kalips, and juniors Chris Janek and John Gardiner. Janek and Kalips made the second team, and Gardiner was an honorable mention.

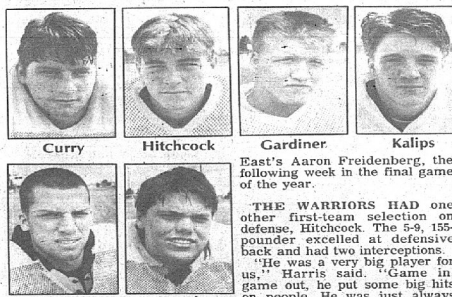
Harris was pleased to see the Warriors salvage individual honors and lead the conference in first-team selections.

"I was surprised," Harris said. "They were impressed with some of our guys. It does say a lot about the team."

"It was a frustrating year. But we had a good core of football players who really put us in position to win."

One of them, Curry, closed out his career by being named to the all-SWC first team as a defensive lineman. Curry, a three-year starter and Division I prospect, received the most votes of any conference player.

CURRY PLAYED linebacker and defensive end, and switched from fullback to the offensive line near the end of the season when the Warriors changed



Kelahan finished the 6-4, 255-pound co-captain enjoyed a productive season despite playing several different positions.

"We really asked him to move around," Harris said. "That's an adjustment. He was our workhorse. As the game goes along, he gets better."

Curry is being recruited by several Division I schools, including Northwestern, Missouri and Colorado State, and he has planned a visit to Michigan.

He's just waiting to see," Harris said.

Curry helped lead a defense that improved noticeably near the end of the season. The Warriors held Alton scoreless until the fourth quarter in a 14-6 loss Oct. 14. They shut down one of the area's top rushers, Belleville

East's Aaron Freidenberg, the following week in the final game of the year.

THE WARRIORS HAD one other first-team selection on defense, Hitchcock. The 5-9, 155-pounder excelled at defensive back and had two interceptions. "He was a very big player for us," Harris said. "Game in, game out, he put some big hits on people. He was just always around the football and very aggressive."

Granite City's first-teamers on offense were Kelahan and Relke. Kelahan, one of Granite City's most versatile players, managed to lead the conference in receptions with 22 despite playing tight end.

Kelahan finished with more than 300 receiving yards and was the Warriors' No. 1 target when the team stepped up its passing attack under sophomore quarterback Kevin Harris.

THE 6-0, 175-pounder also played strong safety and outside linebacker on defense.

"When we changed our offense, he was just as happy as could be," Harris said. "He's just as good a defensive player as

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Billy Niepert led the Warriors in rushing.

Gridders a little better than 0-9 record shows

By Tony Panozzo
Staff writer

Inexperience, injuries and a season-long tendency to give up big plays combined to make 1994 a long year for the Granite City High football team.

But after beginning the season with only a handful of returning varsity players, the Warriors will



Harris will lead the Warriors.

enter next year in considerably better shape following this fall's rebuilding campaign. GCHS lost most of last year's 4-5 team to graduation last year, just one of the factors which led to an 0-9 finish this season.

IT MARKED THE first winless season by the Warriors since 1988, when Granite City went 0-9. That year's team, however, forfeited four games because of a teacher's strike and

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Trivial matters

1. We're now only a little more than two weeks away from the IHSA state championship football games in Normal. How many of the six champions from 1993 can you name?

2. When the IHSA began the football playoffs in 1974, there were five classes. In what year did the IHSA add a sixth class to the state football playoffs?

Answers at right.

Community Sports Calendar

Soccer in O'Fallon

The eighth annual Tournament of Champions indoor soccer tournament is accepting applications for its jamboree Nov. 20-23 and Nov. 25-27 at The Batt Park Sports Center in O'Fallon.

The tournament is open to area outdoor recreational boys and girls soccer teams for players born in 1981 through 1986. The fee is \$130 per team. Each team is guaranteed three games.

To receive an application and for further information, contact Bob Emig at 344-0984.

Coming up

Hockey season begins

Goaltie John Nappier (left) and the GCHS hockey team open the season Saturday against John Burroughs.

Trivia answers

1. Class 1A, Hardin Calhoun; 2A, Coal City; 3A, Pontiac; 4A, Chicago Heights; 5A, Marion; 6A, Belvidere; 7A, Wilmette; 8A, 2. 1980.



Members of the Southern Select Regional under-14 girls soccer team are, front row from left, Alyson Sagovac, Jeana Dietrich, Tabitha Matuska, Caeli Thibault, Felicia Mohsen, Amanda Kirksey, Lauren Cusanelli; back row, coach Rico Laise, Brandi Tate, Jamie Raub, Martha Day, Julie Brooks, Julia Yank, Shannon Roth, Sarah Killam, Angie Parker, coach Jack Baker. Not pictured: coach Andy Waite, coach Jim McFall.



Members of the Southern Select Regional under-12 girls soccer team are, front row from left, Tasha Paskero, Stacy DeLuca, Karla Killam; middle row, Nicole Matuska, Christina Withers, Erin Tyler, Erika Todd, Keri Ousley; back row, Jaime Melm, Meghan Tragesser, Erin Bayne, Erin Gusewelle, Stacy Evans, Cate Hallander, Mandy Hoffman, coach Rico Laise. Not pictured: Coach Amy Bickford, coach Duane Kloepple.

Select girls teams win at KC tourney

The under-12 and under-14 Southern Select Regional girls soccer teams won titles in their age groups at the Kansas City Fall Classic over the Labor Day weekend. The under-12 team took first place in the under-12 division, and the under-14 team

Soccer

won the under-15 division.

The teams are made up of players from the southern Illi-

nois area, including Granite City, Collinsville, Alton, Belleville, Carbondale, Edwardsville, Fairview Heights, Godfrey, O'Fallon and Troy. The Southern Regional Select organization was recently formed and is directed by George Schwendemann.



Catching fire — The Flames, a Granite City Park District coed fall softball team, finished second in the Blue Division and placed second in the playoffs. Members of the team are pictured, front row from left, Patty Randazzo, Barbara Garner, manager Rebecca Randall, Cindy Johnson; middle row, Phil Johnson, head coach Gary Stroud, Kenneth Johnson, Dave Young, Claudia Stephens; back row, sponsor William Schooley, assistant coach Charles Moxey, Judy Stroud, Craig Stephens, Sandy Moxey, Jim Randazzo, Marcia Christensen.

Sports shorts

Varsity Club benefit

The Granite City High School Varsity Club will take on members of the GCHS faculty in a men's basketball game and a women's volleyball match at Memorial Gymnasium on Nov. 17.

Tickets are \$2 in advance and \$3 at the door for the games, which will begin at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the main office at GCHS.

All proceeds will be used to purchase equipment for the Warrior weight room at GCHS.

Legacy winter rates

The Legacy Golf Club has announced winter golfing rates effective this month.

A round of nine holes during weekdays costs \$7 or \$12 with cart. A round of 18 holes during weekdays costs \$14 or \$20 with cart.

On weekends, a round of nine holes costs \$10 or \$15 with cart. A round of 18 holes costs \$17 or \$25 with cart.

Memberships for 1995 are now being offered. For more information, call 931-4653.

Park District basketball

The Granite City Park District will conduct open-play basketball at Coolidge Junior High School from 1-3 p.m. on Saturdays beginning Nov. 19.

Open play is also available at Lincoln Place Community Center from 1-3 p.m. on Saturday afternoons in addition to regular hours. Players must have a Park District ID or a youth basketball registration to participate. There is no age limit. For more information, call Ray Hoffman at the Wilson Park office, 977-3055.

Youth basketball program

The Granite City Park District's youth basketball program for boys and girls in grades 3-6 will begin Nov. 19 at the Coolidge Junior High School gymnasium.

Instructions and drills will be taught by Don Harris for the first four weeks. After the Christmas holidays, each player will be assigned to a team and a schedule of games will begin. The schedule will end with a playoff series.

Registration is being taken at the Wilson Park office. The cost is \$10 for residents of the park district and \$15 for non-residents. For more information, call 977-3059.

Nova Stars tryouts

The Nova Stars Soccer Club has scheduled tryouts for its under-16 select team open to boys born between Aug. 1, 1978 and July 31, 1979.

Tryouts will be held at the Edwardsville Area Soccer Club fields on the Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville campus on Bluff Road from 9-11 a.m. Saturday.

Each player is requested to bring a current school picture, a copy of his birth certificate and his social security number. For more information, call 259-0186 or 259-4139.

SISL tryouts

The Southern Illinois Soccer League will hold tryouts for its state select boys teams Saturday at the Edwardsville Area Soccer Club complex on Bluff Road.

The tryouts are open to boys born in 1977-81. For more information, call Carol Walker at

692-1033.

Turkey Trot Scramble

Entries are being taken for the sixth annual Turkey Trot Scramble, to be held Nov. 25 at Spencer T. Olin Golf Course.

The three-person scramble will begin with a shotgun start at 10 a.m. More than \$6,000 in prizes and tee gifts will be awarded based on a full field of 36 teams, with the first-place team receiving \$900 or \$300 per player. Gift certificates will be awarded through 14th place.

Lunch and beverages are also included. The entry fee of \$240 per team includes "Round on the House" cards for complimentary greens fees in 1995. Covered carts are available upon request at an additional \$15 per team.

Entries are due by Nov. 21. For more information, call 465-3111.

Pontoon Khoury League

The recently formed Pontoon Beach Khoury League is seeking volunteer help for next season. The organization needs board members, umpires, donations and players to help form leagues.

For more information, call Tracy at 931-1291 or David at 931-7443 after 6 p.m.

Volleyball tryouts

The Team St. Louis volleyball club is holding tryouts this fall. Tryouts for girls 16-and-under and 18-and-under teams and a boys 18-and-under team will be held Sunday.

For more information, call Dennis Nosco at (314) 839-0018.

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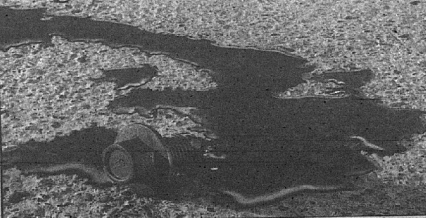
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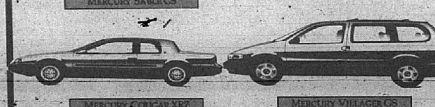
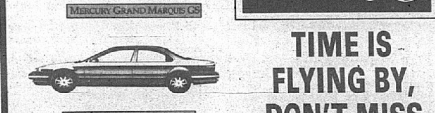
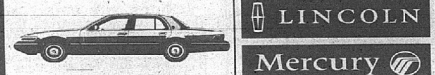
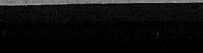
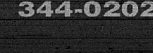
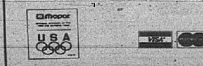
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IHSA postseason

BOYS SOCCER

SIUE Sectional

Regional A

Oct. 20

Game 1: Metro East Lutheran 4, Weslin 1

Game 2: Triad 3, Highland 0

Game 3: Granite City 12, Lutheran 0

Championship: Granite City 5, Triad 0

Regional B

Oct. 20

Game 1: Carbondale 4, Mt. Carmel 0

Game 2: O'Fallon 1, Carbondale 0

Game 3: Gibault 3, Mascoutah 1

Championship: Gibault 3, O'Fallon 0

Regional C

Oct. 20

Game 1: Wood River 7, Cahokia 0

Game 2: Belleville West 2, Waterloo 0

Game 3: Edwardsville 2, Wood River 0

Championship: Belleville West 4, Edwardsville 2

Regional D

Oct. 20

Game 1: Alhambra 2, Lebanon 1

Game 2: Belleville East 4, Roxana 1

Game 3: Collinsville 4, Alhambra 0

Championship: Collinsville 2, Belleville East 1

Sectional semifinals

Oct. 27

Game 1: Granite City 4, Gibault 0

Game 2: Collinsville 2, Belleville West 1

Championship: Granite City 2, Collinsville 1

Super-sectional

Nov. 1

Game 1: Granite City 1, Springfield 0

State tournament

At Palatine Fremd

Nov. 4

Game 1: Chicago Kelly 2, Park Ridge Marian South 1

Game 2: Granite City 3, St. Charles 2 (PK)

Game 3: Palatine 4, Peoria Notre Dame 1

Game 4: Orland Park Sandburg 3, Westchester St. Joseph's 2

Game 5: Granite City 1, Chicago Kelly 0

Game 6: Palatine 2, Orland Park Sandburg 1

Third place: Game cancelled.

State championship: Palatine 2, Granite City 1 (OT)

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

CLASS AA

Granite City Regional

Oct. 25

Match 1: Jerseyville 15-15, Alton 3-11

Match 2: Granite City 15-15, Wood River 9-2

Championship: Jerseyville 10-15, Granite City 15-11-10

Edwardsville Regional

Oct. 25

Match 1: Triad 15-13-15, Edwardsville 3-15-9

Match 2: Highland 15-15, Civic Memorial 12-8

Championship: Jerseyville 10-15, Granite City 15-11-10



Travis Mills and the Warriors soccer team fell just a little short at state last weekend.

CLASS A

Columbia Regional

Oct. 25

Match 1: Lebanon 10-15, Columbia 14-4

Match 2: Dupu 15-16, Lovejoy 9-14

Match 3: Freeburg 15-15, Lebanon 4-6

Match 4: Alhambra 17-15, Dupu 15-7

Championship: Freeburg 8-15-15, Alhambra 15-8-14

Marissa Regional

Oct. 25

Match 1: Marissa 15-15, Waterloo 2-3

Match 2: Valmeyer 15-15, Coulterville 7-12

Match 3: Gibault 15-15-15, Sparta 9-17-10

Match 4: Red Bud 15-15, New Athens 0-0

Match 5: Marissa 15-15, Valmeyer 8-11

Match 6: Red Bud 15-15, Gibault 6-8

Championship: Marissa 15-10-15, Red Bud 10-15-13

Vandalia Regional

Oct. 25

Match 1: Vandalia 15-15, Greenville 13-12

Match 2: Weslin 15-15, Mulberry Grove 10-12

Match 3: Mater Dei 15-15, Vandalia 2-1

Match 4: Breese Central 15-15, Weslin 5-6

Championship: Mater Dei 15-15, Breese Central 8-7

Carlyle Regional

Oct. 25

Match 1: Patoka 15-15, Odin 10-12

Match 2: Pinckneyville 15-15, Sandoval 2-11

Match 3: Carlyle 15-15, Patoka 6-12

Match 4: Nashville 15-15, Pinckneyville 13-7

Championship: Carlyle 15-9-15, Nashville 12-15-9

Dupu Sectional

Nov. 1

Match 1: Mater Dei 15-15, Freeburg 6-7

Match 2: Marissa 15-15, Carlyle 7-9

Championship: Mater Dei 15-15, Marissa 6-10

Sparta Super-Sectional

Nov. 5

Match 1: Mater Dei 15-15, Raymond Lincolnwood 8-4

IHSA football playoffs

Quarterfinals

Class 6A

St. Charles (9-2) at Naperville North (10-1), Friday 7 p.m.

Downers Grove South (11-0) at Naperville Central (10-1), Saturday 7 p.m.

Evansville (10-1) at Waukegan Valley (9-2), Friday 7 p.m.

Honolulu-Flossmoor (10-1) at Thornwood (8-3), Saturday noon

Class 5A

Maine South (10-1) at Palatine (9-2), Saturday 6 p.m.

Mt. Carmel (10-1) at St. Rita (8-3), Saturday 1 p.m.

Providence (11-0) at Richards (10-1), Friday p.m.

Rockford Boylan (11-0) at Rockton Hononegah (9-2), Saturday 1 p.m.

Class 4A

Thornton Fractional South (9-2) at Rich East (9-2), Saturday 1 p.m.

Bishop McNamara (10-1) at Morris (10-1), Friday 7 p.m.

Sterling (11-0) at Belvidere (9-2), Saturday 7 p.m.

Griffin (9-2) at Bloomington (9-2), Saturday 1 p.m.

Class 3A

Woodstock Marian (11-0) at Aurora Catholic (9-2), Saturday 6 p.m.

Spring Valley Hall (11-0) at Bloomington CC (10-1), Saturday 6 p.m.

Carlinville (11-0) at Mahomet-Seymour (10-1), Saturday 2 p.m.

Nashville (9-2) at DuQuoin (9-2), Saturday 1:30 p.m.

Class 2A

Walther Lutheran (11-0) at Amboy (9-2), Saturday 1 p.m.

Taylor Ridge (9-2) at Ottawa Marquette (9-2), Saturday 1 p.m.

Georgetown (8-3) at Rushville (9-2), Saturday 1:30 p.m.

Moweaqua Central A&M (9-2) at Dupu (8-2), Saturday 1:30 p.m.

Class 1A

Durand (11-0) at Stockton (11-0), Saturday 1 p.m.

Sterling Newman (11-0) at Galva (10-1), Saturday 1 p.m.

Cerro Gordo (9-2) at Lexington (9-2), Saturday 1:30 p.m.

Greenfield (10-1) at Hardin Calhoun (9-2), Friday 7:30 p.m.

Second round

Class 6A

St. Charles 21, Wheaton-Warrenville South 13

Naperville North 36, Lake Park 3

Naperville Central 31, Aurora West 27

Downers Grove South 19, Stevenson 14

Evansville 27, Marist 18

Waukegan Valley 21, Chicago Vocational 20

Honolulu-Flossmoor 29, Joliet 3

Thornwood 52, Pekin 28

Class 5A

Maine South 23, Chicago Sullivan 0

Wheeling 38, Hershey 20

Palatine 42, Gurnee Warren 6

McHenry 21, Loyola Academy 0

Whitney Young 14, Delaware 6

Chicago St. Rita 35, Chicago Mathers 0

Buffalo Grove 59, Chicago Prosser 0

Chicago Mount Carmel 38, Chicago South Shore 6

Class 4A

St. Charles 36, Willowbrook 27

Wheaton-Warrenville 44, Libertyville 14

Roselle Lake Park 25, Waukegan 14

Naperville North 27, Glenview South 7

Aurora West 21, Chicago Bogan 8

Naperville Central 31, Glenbard West 20

Stevenson 26, Romeoville 25

Downers Grove South 31, Hoffman Estates 13

Chicago Marist 7, Chicago Brother Rice 6

Aurora Waukegan Valley 41, Dunbar 8

Chicago Vocational 26, Hinsdale Central 8

Joliet 33, Sandburg 27

Honolulu-Flossmoor 47, Alton 6

Pekin 28, Belleville East 21 (OT)

South Holland Thornwood 22, Thornton 14

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Greenfield (10-1) at Hardin Calhoun (9-2), Friday 7:30 p.m.

Rockford-Boylan 27, East St. Louis 0

Class 4A

Thornton Fractional South 12, Bremen 0

Rich East 28, Oswego 20

Kankakee McNamara 15, Joliet Catholic 10

Morris 21, Kankakee 20

Belvidere 13, Metamora 8

Sterling 13, Geneseo 12

Bloomington 14, Peoria Central 0

Springfield Griffin 16, Springfield Lanphier 0

Class 3A

Woodstock Marian 22, Montini 21

Aurora Catholic 12, Evergreen Park 7

Spring Valley Hall 19, Macomb 14

Mahomet-Seymour 13, Civic Memorial 17

Carlinville 12, Mount Carmel 6

Nashville 34, Fairfield 12

DuQuoin 14, Waterloo 6

Class 2A

Walther Lutheran 20, Lisle 12

Dupo 28, Amboy 0

Taylor Ridge 28, St. Joseph-Ogden 14

Ottawa Marquette 24, Seneca 21

Georgetown 20, St. Teresa 19

Rushville 6, Lewistown 0

Dupo 14, Carlyle 0

Moweaqua 14, Quincy Notre Dame 3

Class 1A

Durand 20, Manlius 8

Stockton 15, Galena 0

Sterling Newman 27, Deer Creek-Mackinaw 6

Galva 6, Franklin Center 0

Cerro Gordo 30, Milford 0

Lexington 27, Broadlands 0

Chicago Marist 0, Auburn 0

Harjain Calhoun 14, Carthage 6

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Wheaton-Warrenville 44, Libertyville 14

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SPORTS

Season

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only went 0-5 on the field. The last Warriors team to finish 0-5 on the field was the 1981 Granite City South squad. The Warriors also went 0-5 in 1980.

Like the 1988 Warriors, however, this year's squad was not a typical winless team. While Granite City was shut out three times, the Warriors played competitively in several games and came close to posting upsets against two Southwestern Conference opponents — East St. Louis and Alton.

The Warriors led Alton through three quarters before falling 14-0 on Oct. 14. The following week, Granite City ended the season with a 35-0 loss at Belleville East. The Warriors' victory clinched their first outright SWC title since 1981.

IN BOTH LOSSES, the Warriors were victimized by big plays — a trend that followed Granite City all season.

"I felt it was a combination of things," GCHS coach Don Harris said. "By being young, we made some mistakes. We had some injuries that hurt us, and we got hurt on a lot of big plays."

"We were right there knocking on the door with some good teams, and we really needed to win one of those games to get some confidence. In our last three games, we were coming around."

A mid-season bout with injuries left the Warriors shorthanded after losing to Belleville on Sept. 9. Senior linemen Nick Novacich and Brian Wortham and junior John Gardiner missed the following week's game against Collinsville, and Novacich and Wortham were sidelined for the rest of the year.

THE WARRIORS' LOW point of the season came against the Cahoks in a 20-0 loss.

"We didn't have much depth," Harris said. "But the kids never gave up."

The next week, Granite City gave East St. Louis a scare before falling 34-14. The Warriors tied the game in the fourth

"You make teams in the offseason. We need to work on our team speed. We're really stressing that and the fact that you need to do more than just work in the weight room. They know the potential is there, and a lot of kids are pairing up. The only way to overcome it is to work hard in the offseason."

— Don Harris
GCHS coach

quarter before the Flyers took over with a series of big plays. The Warriors lost their next game, 49-13 to Edwardsville, and Harris instituted several changes. Sophomore quarterback Kevin Harris replaced junior Jeremy Hoback, and the Warriors mixed in more passing with their traditional running game.

Senior fullback Pat Curry was moved to tight end to strengthen the offensive line, and he closed out the season at tackle.

"WE WERE GOING TO play some power football with tons of yardage," Harris said. "But the first move was to help the line," Harris said. "It dictated some moves. By doing that, we had to change our philosophy. The kids responded well and stepped up their game."

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yards. Niepert led the team in rushing with 399 yards on 105 carries. Kalips had 307 yards on 80 carries.

Defensively, the Warriors showed noticeable improvement. Gardiner, Chris Janek and Ryan Rellke to contain teams.

JANEK AND CURRY were the team's leading tacklers. Janek had 42 solo tackles, 28 assists, two sacks and two fumble recoveries. Curry had 39 tackles, 27 assists, three sacks and one fumble recovery.

"Our defense really came on," Harris said. "As a coach, you always look if you got better each game, and I believe we got better."

Harris was pleased to see the Warriors turn in their best performances against their strongest opponents, notably East St. Louis, Alton and Belleville East. The Warriors held East St. Louis back Aaron Freidenberg to 47 rushing yards.

"By the end of the year, we were playing well," Harris said. "I was pleased with our improvement and our attitude toward the end. We have a lot of competitive kids coming back."

THE WARRIORS HOPE to use this year's disappointing finish as motivation toward next year. Granite City figures to be much better off next season after a year of rebuilding.

In three years under Harris, the Warriors have gone 5-22.

"In the long run, it's going to pay off," Harris said. "But at the time, you take it on the chin. You make teams in the offseason. We need to work on our team speed. We're really stressing that and the fact that you need to do more than just work in the weight room."

"They know the potential is there, and a lot of kids are pairing up. The only way to overcome it is to work hard in the offseason."

"We played well as a team in both of those games, and I think it gave us some confidence," Harris said. "We didn't win a game last year, so that was important for us to realize we can be more competitive, and I think we have a chance to do very well this season."

"Overall, I think we have a shot at making the playoffs, and maybe even winning the championship again. I've had the chance to watch some of the other teams in our division, and we stack up pretty well, I think."

HE SAID the team's first big test will be the second game, against Eureka. The team will play 22 games in the regular season, including 14 at home at Wilson Park.

"It should be an advantage, playing so many home games," he said. "I'm looking for good things from the Warriors this season."

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Yurkovich said he and assistant coach Will Connolly both work on offensive strategy, while Connolly coaches the defense.

the body this year, and we'll send in two forecheckers to harass the opposing defense. "I feel we can take away the other team's aggressiveness by hitting them hard. It can be a psychological advantage."

Yurkovich feels very good about his goaltending, with Napier and Slater.

"That may be our strongest point," he said. "John might just lead us to the playoffs, and Bobby has already shown he is a more-than-capable backup."

The Warriors have proved they can score in the two practice games, scoring eight and four goals, respectively.

"We should be OK as far as

Race

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Smith also owns Atlanta International Raceway and the Charlotte Motor Speedway in North Carolina.

The petitions will be gathered Thursday and sent to Atlanta, where Winston Cup star and former St. Louisan Ken Schrader will personally deliver them to Smith before the Atlanta 500 on Sunday.

Area drivers competing in several big-league auto racing organizations brought their race cars for a mini-show at Hank and Don Sieveking's distributorship: Donnie Jumper's NASCAR Modified, Ed Dixon's ARCA Late Model, Joe Walsh's ARTGO

Late Model, and Steve Shive's and Curt Schwalzer's ASA Late Models.

The effort has also come from other quarters, including Tri-City Speedway owner Bob Wente.

"The success of major motorsports at super speedways is the result of the success of the fan base at weekly short tracks," Wente said. "I think the grassroots level that is built here in the St. Louis area with seven short tracks can very easily supply the demand that it takes to run a facility that Bruton Smith is trying to build."

"With all this excitement that we have, the motor sports coverage in St. Louis has gone from the back page to the front page."

I think that's significant of the acceptance of motor sports — finally — as a major sport in a professional sports town."

WENTE ANNOUNCED that those wishing to sign the petitions can do so at Tri-City Speedway in Granite City.

Others offering the petitions include Sieveking Inc. in High Ridge; Speed and Custom Performance, High Ridge; Wente's O&W Restaurant, Chesterfield, Mo.; Quality Transmission, St. Louis; Matt Johnson Performance Center, St. Louis; Wise Speed Shop, St. Louis; B Auto Parts, Madison, Ill.; and Ron Wick Racing Products, Marine, Ill.

All-SWC

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as he is an offensive player. He's got a nose for the ball."

Rellke, a first-year starter, played both ways despite his youth. Rellke (6-1, 220) lined up as offensive guard and defensive end.

"He was a real surprise, but we felt he could do the job and was a good football player," Harris said. "We wanted to get him into the starting lineup. I was very pleased with his progress."

Janek made the second sec-

ond team at both his positions, center and defensive tackle.

JANEK WAS ONE of Granite City's most consistent players, and his defensive play stood out all season. The 6-1, 260-pounder is a Division I recruit.

Kalips, the Warriors' fullback, made the all-SWC team as a running back. He got most of the carries on offense along with junior Billy Niepert.

Gardiner (6-2, 270), who battled injuries and developed into one of the team's strongest line-

men, made the all-conference team as a defensive lineman.

Gardiner and Janek will be two of Granite City's top returning players next year. A lack of experience and injuries contributed to a long season for the Warriors, who ended the year Oct. 21 with a 35-0 loss to Belleville East.

"We just couldn't get over the hump," Harris said. "We were coming around and we had some kids who were getting better. The good thing is most of those kids are coming back."

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Neal- Porter

Virginia Kathleen "Ginger" Porter and Anthony Wayne "Tony" Neal were married Sept. 3, 1994, at Eden United Church of Christ in Edwardsville by the Rev. Townsend.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Porter of Pinckneyville. A 1986 graduate of Pinckneyville High School, she is a student at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville. She is employed by Angelica Uniform Group Inc., St. Louis, as a customer technician.

The groom is the son of Steve Neal of Florida, Norman Martinez of California and the late Barbara Neal. A 1988 graduate of Nieuville High School, he is a student at Caecord College. He is employed with Illinois-American Water Company, Belleville, as a CI representative.

The maid of honor was Jane Kolhaas of Edwardsville. Amy Wilcox of Ridgecrest, Calif., was the matron of honor. The bridesmaids were Bridget Hitler of Murphysboro, Lisa King of Springfield, and Trishia Neal of Huntsville, Ala.

The best man was Bob Rolan of Glen Carbon. The groomsmen were Matt Fields of Edwardsville, Abe Resix of Belleville and Bill Gillespie and Eric Mendenhall, both of Granite City.

The flower girl was Tara Porter, niece of the bride. Jennifer Porter, niece of the bride, was the miniature bride.

A reception was held at Sunset Hills Country Club, Edwardsville.

The couple resides in Edwardsville.

Courtous- Michaels

Amy Lynn Courtous and Christopher Jon Michaels were married June 18, 1994, at St. Cecilia's Catholic Church by Rev. Steve Pohlman.

The bride is the daughter of Dave and Julie Courtous of Granite City. A 1992 graduate of Marquette High School in Alton, she is a junior at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville majoring in anthropology. She is employed at Continental Baking Company in Edwardsville.

The groom is the son of Mary Michaels of Granite City. A 1990 graduate of Marquette High School in Alton, he is employed by the State of Illinois at the Driver Services Facility in Edwardsville.

Rebecca Morgan of Granite City attended her friend as matron of honor. The bridesmaids were Susan Wichter, Nicole Vaughn, Hilary Watkins, Julia Boyer and Christine Vivod, all of Granite City, Casey Alton, of Godfrey, and Sheri Koetting of Edwardsville.

Katie Meehan of Edwardsville was the flower girl. Jennifer Gurnea of Granite City was the organist. Mike and Dynette Rogier of Glen Carbon provided the vocals.

Richard Meinhardt of Granite City stood with his friend as best man. Groomsmen were Dave and Jeff Miller, Jeff Simpson and Jeff Miller, all of Granite City. Ben Clark of Lima, Ohio, and Matthew McCreary and Jonathan Stauder, both of



Mr. and Mrs.
Christopher Michaels

Edwardsville. John Meehan of Edwardsville was the ring bearer. Ushers were Jack Strader of Alton, John Michaels of Lenexa, Kan., and Bob Michaels of Fort Wayne, Ind.

Following a reception at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Granite City, the couple took a honeymoon trip to Branson, Mo., and now reside in Glen Carbon.

Burgess- Beeler

Teresa Burgess, daughter of Ronald and Joan Burgess of Caseyville, and Gregory Beeler, son of Ronald Beeler of Granite City and the late Judith Beeler, have announced their engagement.

Burgess, of Caseyville, is a graduate of Collinsville High School and a 1992 graduate of the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana.

She is employed by Shiloh School District 15 as an elementary teacher.

Beeler, of Granite City, is a graduate of Granite City North High School and attended Sauk Valley College.

He is employed as a machine operator by A.O. Smith Company.

The couple plan to marry in



Teresa Burgess
and Gregory Beeler

July 1995 at St. Albert the Great Catholic Church in Fairview Heights.

Maier - Litwiller

Kimi Ann Litwiller and Michael John Maier were married Aug. 6, 1994, at Hopedale Mennonite Church, Hopedale, Ill., by the Rev. H. James Smith.

The bride is the daughter of John and Joan Litwiller of Minier, Ill. A graduate of Illinois State University at Normal, she is employed with the State Farm Insurance corporate headquarters in Bloomington as a computer analyst.

The groom is the son of Mel and Shurnette Maier of Granite City. A graduate of Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, he is also employed with State Farm Insurance corporate headquarters as a computer analyst.

Amy Sharp, sister of the bride, was the matron of honor. The bridesmaids were Tami and Joni Litwiller, both sisters of the bride, and Linnette Maier, sister of the groom. The flower girls were Melissa Leland and Jodi Springer. Neil Detwiler was the best man. The groomsmen were Luis Ortiz, Brian Forbes and Bradley Litwiller. Greg Sholey and Jake Varadian were the ushers.

Kablen Schrag and Kevin Litwiller were the vocalists; organist was Cathy Cross. The guest book attendants were Linda Leland and Carol Springer. Programs were distributed by Angie Miller.



Michael and
Kimi Maier

NOTICE OF PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX INCREASE FOR VENICE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3

I. A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax levy increase for the Venice Community School District for 1994 will be held on November 22, 1994, at 6:45 p.m., at the Board Meeting Room, 7th & Broadway, Venice, Illinois.

Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact John Rush, Superintendent, 7th & Broadway, Venice, Illinois at (618) 451-7953.

II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended for 1993 were \$458,142.44.

The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 1994 are \$606,500.00. This represents a 32% increase over the previous year.

III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 1993 were \$0.00.

The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 1994 are \$23,073.25. This represents a 100% increase over the previous year.

IV. The total property taxes extended for 1993 were \$458,142.44.

The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 1994 before debt service are \$606,500.00. This represents a 32% increase over the previous year.

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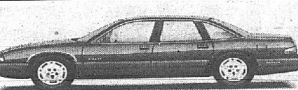
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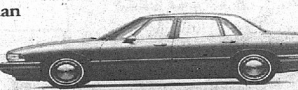
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FAMILY

Births

Jennifer Yencho

Dr. Michael E. and Mary Jean Yencho of Hebron, Conn., have announced the birth of their first child, a daughter.

Jennifer Ann was born Oct. 10, 1994, at Manchester Memorial Hospital, Manchester, Conn., and weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces.

Her grandparents are Edward and Mary Evelyn Yencho of Granite City and Alexis and Anne Blood of Milton, Mass.

Crystal Tadlock

Gary and Joyce Tadlock of Granite City have announced the birth of their third child, a daughter.

Crystal Lynn was born Sept. 21, 1994, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville. She weighed 6 pounds and joins Gary Jr., 13, and Michael, 8.

Her maternal grandparents are Ellen Mollet of Granite City. Jim and Ariene Tadlock of Granite City are the paternal grandparents.

Shannon Paterson

Richard and Tracey Paterson of Granite City have announced the birth of their second child, a daughter.

Shannon Lee was born at 8:57 a.m. Oct. 16, 1994, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center and weighed 7 pounds, 1 ounce.

The mother is the former Tracey Arnold.

Sean Cunningham

John and Rose Cunningham of Granite City have announced the birth of their second child, a son.

Sean Patrick Cunningham was born at 6:32 p.m. Oct. 19, 1994, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center and weighed 6 pounds, 8 ounces.

The mother is the former Rosemarie Fischer.

Maternal grandparents are Larry and Jackie Koch of Highland. Paternal grandmother is Barbara Armer of Granite City.

Sean joins Zakary Mikel Cunningham.

Zachary Marsh

J.D. and Cathy Marsh of Granite City have announced the birth of their first child, a son.

Zachary Alexander was born Oct. 20, 1994, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center and weighed 7 pounds.

The mother is the former Cathy F. Naglich.

Maternal grandparents are Dolores Naglich of Granite City and the late Sam Naglich. Paternal grandparents are Bill and Helen Robbins of Granite City.

His great-grandparents are Don and Elizabeth Lloyd of Granite City.

Staci Turk

Steve and Janie Turk of Cahokia have announced the birth of their third child, a daughter.

Staci Elizabeth was born at 2:19 a.m. Oct. 21, 1994, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center and weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces.

The mother is the former Janie Dawson.

Maternal grandparents are the late Harry and Shirley Dawson. Paternal grandparents are Robert and Lillian Turk of Granite City.

Staci joins Shaun, 13, and Dan, 4.

Ariel Neely

Randy and Valerie Neely of Madison have announced the birth of their second child, a daughter.

Ariel Shannel was born at 10:04 a.m. Aug. 15, 1994, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville. She weighed 6 pounds, 12½ ounces, and joins Aaron, 4.

Her maternal grandparents are

Clyde and Alberta Cross of Madison.

Wardle Sr. and Earlean Neely of University City, Mo., are the paternal grandparents.

Hayley Ridall

Donald and Kelly Ridall of Alhambra have announced the birth of their first child, a daughter.

Hayley Angelica was born at 7:31 a.m. Aug. 16, 1994, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville. She weighed 8 pounds, 2½ ounces.

Her maternal grandparents are Keith Phelps of Grandin, Mo., Jerri Courtney of St. Libory.

Jim and Linda Ridall of New Douglas are the paternal grandparents.

Cody Buckingham

Tony and Pam Buckingham of Granite City have announced the birth of their third child, a son.

Cody Michael was born at 8:06 a.m. Aug. 16, 1994, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville. He weighed 10 pounds, 4 ounces, and joins Taisha, 6, and Tony, 2.

Ralph and Sue Clutts of Granite City are the maternal grandparents.

The paternal grandparents are John and Rose Buckingham of Granite City.

Taylor Sapienza

Joe and Michele Sapienza of Collinsville have announced the birth of their first child, a daughter.

Taylor Ann was born at 8:38 a.m. Aug. 26, 1994, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville. She weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces.

Her maternal grandparents are Royal and Norma Clark of Granite City.

Joe and Dorothy Sapienza of Collinsville are the paternal grandparents.



Costume contest winners — Residents and employees of Colonial Care Center dressed up for Halloween and participated in a costume contest. In top photo, the residents who won are, from left, Delmar Calahan, Raggedy Andy; Agnes Garin, Raggedy Ann; Billye Popovsky, clown; and Gene Cooper, woman. In bottom photo, employees who won are, from left, Brenda Cole, witch, 3rd place; Kathy Nohl, Reese's Peanut Butter Cup, 2nd place; Mary Hillmer, clown, 4th place; and Mary Collier, prisoner, 1st place.



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- 90 Chevy Lumina Euro, 4 Door
- 93 Ford Festiva L
- 94 Chevy Lumina Euro, 4 Door
- 94 Chevy Corsica
- 88 Chevrolet Caprice Classic Brougham LS
- 91 Chevy Lumina Euro 2 Door
- 87 Chevy Caprice Classic Wagon
- 94 Chevrolet Camaro
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- 94 Chevrolet Caprice Classic

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President has signed law simplifying 'nanny tax' rules

By Bill Hunot
Social Security Administration

All of you desperados who haven't been paying your "nanny taxes" can relax: President Bill Clinton has signed the Social Security Domestic Employment Reform Act, which simplifies the payment of employment taxes on household workers.

Under the new law, domestic employees are not covered by Social Security unless they are paid at least \$1,000 in a year.

Up to now, your domestic employees (nannies, baby sitters, house cleaners, gardeners, butlers, maids, etc.) have been covered by Social Security if you paid them at least \$50 in a calendar quarter.

Employers must withhold Social Security taxes from a covered employee's wages, and must pay the matching employer share of the taxes, for a total of 15.3 percent of wages paid.

You might remember that scandals involving non-compliance with the law cost a few prospective high government officials their jobs.

The \$1,000 threshold will apply for 1994, and refunds will be made for tax payments already made by employers and workers who earn less than \$1,000 this year.

However, those workers receiving refunds for 1994 still will get Social Security credits

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for their 1994 wages. The \$1,000 threshold automatically will increase every year after 1995, according to an average wage index.

The new law also cuts special quarterly employment tax returns that employers had to file to report the wages paid to their covered domestic employees.

Now, domestic Social Security taxes will be reported and paid by employers on the employers' federal income tax returns.

The new law also helps when a neighbor's kid cuts your grass or baby-sits your little ones.

Beginning in 1995, workers younger than 18 will be exempt from Social Security taxes unless their principal occupation is household employment.

If you have a domestic

employee that you will pay \$1,000 or more this year, call the Internal Revenue Service at 1-800-829-1040 and ask for an Employer Identification Number. The IRS also will send you the forms necessary to report and pay the required taxes.

The Domestic Employment Reform Act is one of many recent changes to Social Security. You can get a free detailed summary of all the changes in Social Security resulting from 1994 legislation — and a summary of the automatic 1995 changes — by writing to Social Security Public Affairs, 12140 Woodcrest Executive Drive, Suite 100, Creve Coeur, Mo., 63141.

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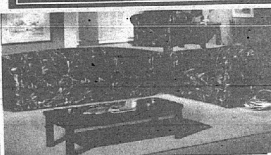
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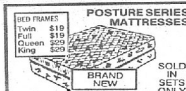
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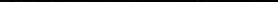

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Horoscope

Thursday, Nov. 10
By the time you get to work, Mercury will have joined Venus in Scorpio, ruler of your savings and investments. Saturn, too, is favoring solid business deals. Buy insurance now. Meditate while soaking in a hot tub. Passions and power are also emphasized — take your intended to a dinner for two, and pop the big question — whatever that may be!

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
Save time and energy by using experience to guide you. Elements of what was built into what is look for them. Do yourself a favor and use the evening for whatever you most want to do.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Your efforts on behalf of a good friend lead to special recognition. Don't let anyone muscle in on your territory — you've got the support of the establishment. Strings may be attached to a financial settlement.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
Foot loose and fancy free, you're nevertheless ready to curtail your own fun if a co-worker needs help. The workout after work may be the place to get acquainted with a new romance. A Libra loves you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)
Make sure you're on solid ground — then, go for the big gains. You're feeling loving but independent — this makes you a magnetic draw for a strong personality who is used to being pursued. Hug the kid.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
A special surprise comes from Mom — significant events are taking place at home these days. Set up that home-based workshop you've been thinking about — it could be a money-maker. Reliability is your biggest asset now.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 10)
Power lies in persuasive abilities, investigative skills and infallible intuition. Enjoy gains because of your reputation as a hotshot in December and January. Take advantage of a slowed career pace in February and March to consolidate, strengthen your home life and add to your knowledge. In April and May, partnerships bring gain. Move up to where the action is next



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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Get there early to start getting your way! You're in charge, and if your boss or customer provides a lemon, you make world-class pitcher of lemonade. Leave fear behind, and start working on those victories.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
A checkup comes first — then, take up a new sport to get you out and exercising. Your mate may cast a deciding vote on the day's activities.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
Wise planning, good communication and willingness to learn are the secret formulas to unstoppable progress.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Make adjustments to family demands and you'll be able to make your own demands later. A tense situation at work calls for your casual confidence — you have the facts that others need.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
The private side of your nature contrasts with the pace of your social life — networking is getting you somewhere, however. Make time to see and be seen. A high profile calls for a super-groomed look.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
You're respected for your values, not just for the value of your talents.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
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The War

Movie brings home lessons on rising above racism, poverty

It is 1970 in Mississippi, a perplexing time for the nation, and an even more troubling time in the rural South. This is the setting for "The War," a new movie by Jon Avnet that plumbs some of the material he touched on in "Fried Green Tomatoes."

Filled with principles and well-intentioned values about family and friendship, racial justice, loyalty, forgiveness and love, "The War" offers a warm examination of growing up poor and white amid hatred and bigotry. This is not a seamless movie, however. Its flaws are very apparent, from not heeding cultural accuracy (dialogue is filled with '90s idiom and slang) to bad pacing to over-the-top acting to a predictable climax.

Fortunately, it also has a knockout performance from young Elijah Wood, which helps overshadow some of the deficiencies.

Vietnam vet Stephen Simmons (Kevin Costner) is a victim of post-traumatic stress syndrome who returns home to resume life with his family, forced to live in a shack after their house was condemned.

Relations with wife Lois (Mare Winningham) are strained. But there is a special closeness with daughter Lidia (Lexi Randall) and especially son Stu (Wood).

Despite the war and all its emotional horrors, Stephen holds on to faith in humanity. He tries to impart the idea of loving one's neighbor to his children, and teaches them the importance of forgiveness.

"Nothing keeps people truly safe than love," he says. "That's where they get their strength."

Stephen dreams of buying his family a large house with plenty of yard space; his wife simply wants her husband's affections. The children seek peace of mind and a respite from the constant bullying and violence of the Lipnickis: a frightening, ugly,

ignorant bunch auditioning early for the Ku Klux Klan.

Stu takes constant beatings from the Lipnickis, but his father still instructs him to be more tolerant because they have a tougher time in life.

In one touching scene, Stephen gives two of the Lipnickis the cotton candy he was bringing home to Lois and Lidia. Asked why by Stu, Stephen responds that the Lipnickis need someone to be kind to them.

The story unfolds during one summer when Lidia, Stu and their interracial group of pals build a dream house in an ancient oak. The defense of their fortress against the Lipnickis ultimately leads to... war.

There are strong life lessons learned during that summer: Lexi and her best friend, Elvaine (LaToya Chisholm), stand up to a racist teacher in summer school who rearranges the seating as signposts so all the black children sit in the rear of the classroom.

Unfortunately, Chisholm, who is making her acting debut, is way over the top in her performance, thus stretching Elvaine's credibility. But she nevertheless shows tremendous promise as an electrifying little actress.

The casting for the Lipnickis could not have been better: These are scary kids — dirty, unkempt, violent, mean-spirited and ignorant. They look and act like poster children for white trash.

Performances all around are generally OK: Winningham's poignancy and strength as Lois; Christine Baranski's almost comical school-teacher bigot; even Costner, who showed courage by taking second billing to Wood, manages to do a fairly decent turn.

But "The War" is Wood's movie, and his performance is worthy of Academy Award con-

sideration. This is a child-actor of depth and quality who shows considerable range.

The Universal Pictures release was produced by Avnet and Jordan Kerner with Martin Huberty and Lisa Lindstrom as co-producers, Eric Eisner and Baker as executive producers, and Kathy McWorter, who also wrote the screenplay, as co-executive producer.

The movie is rated PG-13 for violence and some tense moments.

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Broderick turns up his nose at film's many 'doodie' jokes

It's not that Matthew Broderick doesn't like his new movie, "The Road to Wellville." It's just the abundance of gastrointestinal comedy that has him, well, squirring.

"I don't like all the scatological stuff as much as some people. I've never found that stuff all that funny, really," said Broderick, 32, in a recent interview.

"But I think a lot of the situations are very funny," he said. "It's just, there could be a little less doodie, I guess, for me."

Broderick, who stars opposite Bridget Fonda, said one reason he signed on to do the film, about a couple's stay at a Michigan sanitarium, was to get a rare opportunity to play a character his own age.

His boyish features kept him playing youthful parts — such as those in "Ferris Bueller's Day Off" and "The Freshman" — well into his 30s.

"As far as a big studio saying, 'We want you to be an adult in this movie,' that has been hard to some extent, and I guess 'The Road to Wellville' is one of the first larger-scale movies where I've been an adult," said Broderick.

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